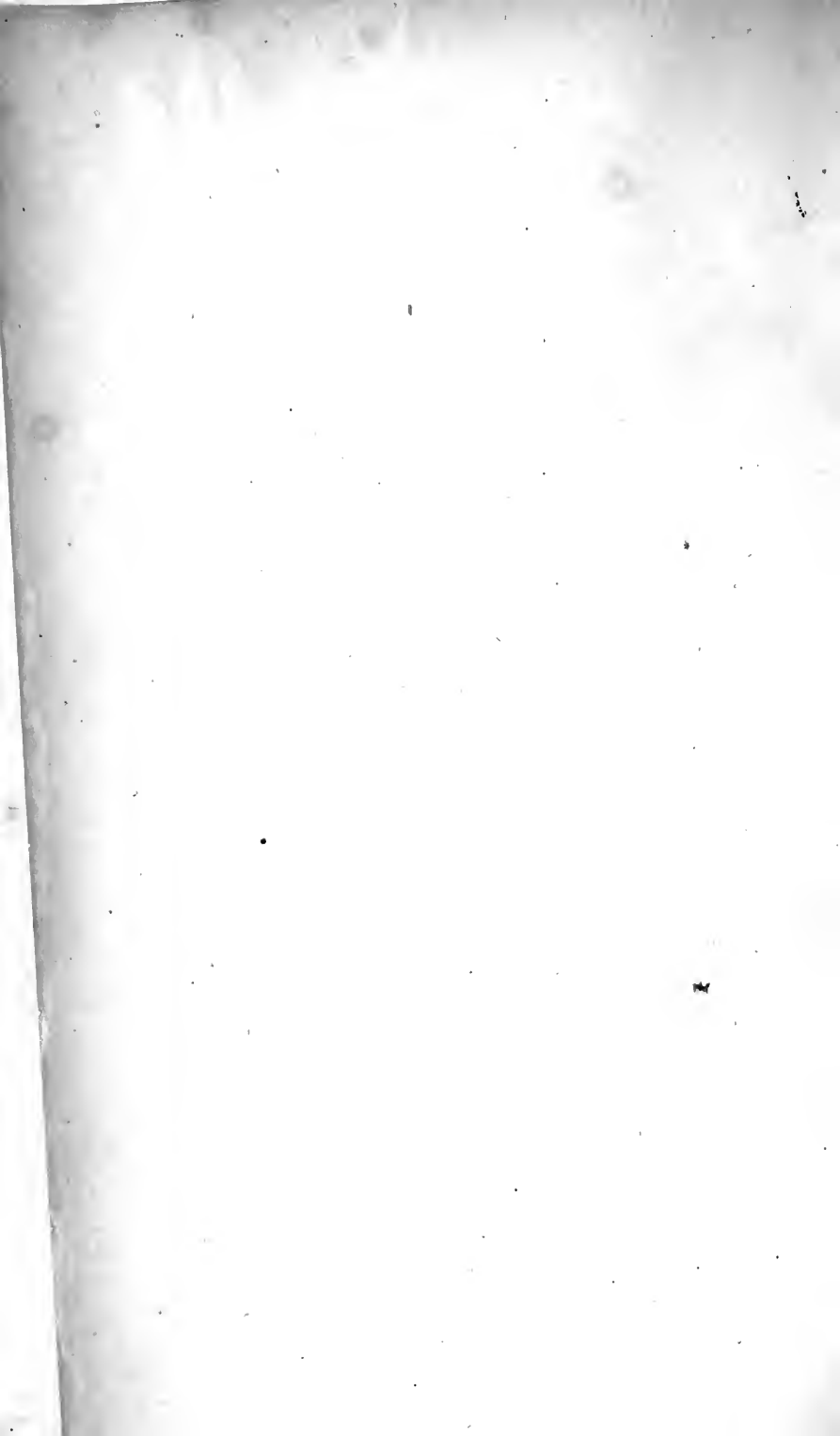




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P R E F A C E.

Only an author who, like myself, has for twelve years been engaged on a similar work, can judge of the feelings with which I pen these lines, prefatory to the last and concluding volume of the "Jewish School and Family Bible." These feelings can be more easily conceived than described; yet uppermost among them is that of profound gratitude to an all-bounteous Providence, which has permitted me to bring to a close, single-handed, a task which seemed to be great enough for a band of scholars, and that, too, amidst severe trials, much bodily suffering, and in a state of health which for years trembled in the balance between life and death.

It will be easily conceded that a Biblical student cannot have earnestly searched Scripture in the original language for more than a decennium, without the occurrence of thought, the communication of which he deems useful, and without the making of discoveries, the record of which he considers profitable. If I refrain from giving way to the strong desire of using this preface for its gratification, it is in obedience to the rule which has guided me throughout the whole work, not to allow the elaboration of any notes or comments to delay the execution of the version itself. This once completed, explanation, health permitting, might be superadded in a separate volume. But what the Jewish community principally required, was a translation of the Word of God, free from all un-Jewish preconception; and such I sincerely trust, will prove the version which I now confidently offer to my brethren.

PSALMS.

PSALM I.—O happiness of the man that walketh not in the counsel of wicked ones, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of scorers. But his delight *is* in the law of the Eternal; and in his law doth he meditate¹ all day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by rills of water, that bringeth forth² its fruit in its season; its leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. Not so the wicked: but *are* like the chaff which a wind driveth away. Therefore wicked ones shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of righteous ones. For the Eternal knoweth the way of righteous ones: but the way of wicked ones shall perish.

PSALM II.—Wherefore do nations rage, and races utter a vain thing³? Kings of *the* earth place themselves, and distinguished men set themselves together against the Eternal, and against his anointed, *saying*, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury. Yet have I anointed⁴ my king over Zion, mountain of my holiness. I will tell of a statute: the Eternal hath said unto me, Thou *art* my son; this day have I brought thee forth. Demand from me, and I shall give *thee* nations *for* thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of *the* earth *for* thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's⁵ vessel. Act wisely now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed ye judges of *the* earth. Serve the Eternal with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss a pure one, lest he be angry, and ye wander *from* the way, for his wrath easily⁶ burneth. O happiness of them that trust in him.

PSALM III.—A Psalm of⁷ David when he fled from Absalom his son.—Eternal, how numerous are my adversaries! many *are* they that rise against me. Many say of my soul, *There is* no salvation

¹ utter. ² giveth. ³ emptiness. ⁴ poured out oil. ⁵ fashioner. ⁶ as a little. ⁷ unto.

PSALMS IV., V.

4 for him in God. But thou, O Eternal, *art* a shield for me; my
5 glory, and the lifter up of my head. I called unto the Eternal
with my voice, and he answered me from the mountain of his holi-
6 ness. Selah. I laid me down and slept: I awoke, for the Eternal
7 sustained me. I will not be afraid of myriads of people, that have set
8 *themselves* against me round about. Arise O Eternal; save me, O
my God; for thou hast smitten all mine enemies *upon* the cheek
9 bone; thou hast broken in pieces the teeth of wicked ones. The
salvation *belongeth* unto the Eternal: thy blessing *be* upon thy
people. Selah.

1 PSALM IV.—To the Director of Stringed Instruments, a Psalm of¹
2 David.—Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness:
thou hast enlarged me *when I was* in the distress; be gracious unto
3 me, and hear my prayer. O ye sons of men, how long² *shall be* my
glory as a confusion? *how long* will ye love emptiness, *and* seek after
4 falsehood? Selah. But know that the Eternal hath distinguished
for himself him that is pious: the Eternal will hear when I call
5 unto him. Be agitated, and sin not: commune³ with your own
6 heart upon your couch, and be still. Selah. Sacrifice sacrifices
7 of righteousness, and put your trust in the Eternal. Many say,
Who will show us *any* good? lift up the light of thy countenance
8 upon us, O Eternal. Thou hast put⁴ gladness in my heart from
9 the time *that* their corn and their must increased. I will both lay
me down in peace and sleep: for thou, Eternal, only⁵ makest me
dwell in safety.

1 2 PSALM V.—To the Director of the Flutes, a Psalm of¹ David.
3 Give ear to my sayings, O Eternal, consider my ardent desire. At-
tend unto the voice of my cry for help, my King, and my God, when
4 unto thee I pray. My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Eter-
nal; in the morning will I set myself in array for thee, and will
5 look up. For thou *art* not a God that hath pleasure in wicked-
6 ness: evil cannot abide with thee. Boasters shall not place them-
7 selves before thine eyes: thou hatest all workers of iniquity. Thou
shalt destroy them that speak falsehood: the Eternal will abhor a
8 sanguinary and deceitful man.⁶ But as for me, I will come *into* thy
house in the multitude of thy mercy: *and* in thy fear will I prostrate
9 myself towards thy holy temple⁷. Lead me, O Eternal, in thy
righteousness, because of mine adversaries; make thy way straight
10 before my face. For *there is* no faithfulness⁸ in their mouth; their
inward part *is* very wickedness; their throat *is* an open sepulchre;
11 they smoothen their tongue. Declare them guilty, O God; let
them fall by their own counsels; cast them out in the multitude of
12 their transgressions; for they have rebelled against thee. But let
all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for
joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name
13 exult in thee. For thou, Eternal, wilt bless the righteous; with
favour wilt thou compass him as *with* a buckler.

unto. 2 until what. 3 say. 4 given. 5 solitary. 6 man of blood and deceit.
7 palace. 8 stability.

PSALM VI., VII., VIII.

1 PSALM VI.—To the Director of Stringed Instruments over the Eighth,
 2 a Psalm unto David.—O Eternal, reprove me not in thy wrath,
 3 neither chasten me in thy fury. Be gracious unto me, O Eternal,
 4 for I languish : O Eternal heal me, for my bones are vexed.¹ My soul
 5 is also sore vexed¹ : but thou, O Eternal, how long ? Return, O
 6 Eternal, deliver my soul : oh, save me for thy mercy's sake.
 7 For in the death *there is* no remembrance of thee : in *the* grave
 8 who shall give thee thanks ? I am weary with my groaning ; all
 9 night make I my bed to swim ; I water² my bedstead with my tears.
 10 Mine eye falleth away because of grief ; it waxeth stiff among all my
 11 adversaries. Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity ; for the
 12 Eternal hath heard the voice of my weeping. The Eternal hath
 13 heard my supplication ; the Eternal will receive³ my prayer. All
 14 mine enemies will be ashamed and greatly amazed : they will return
 15 and be ashamed *in* a moment.

1 PSALM VII.—Shiggaion unto David, which he sang to the Eternal,
 2 concerning the words of Cush, a Benjamite.—O Eternal my God, in
 3 thee have I trusted : save me from all my pursuers, and deliver me
 4 Lest he tear my soul like a lion crushing, and *there is* none to deliver.
 5 O Eternal my God, if I have done this, if there be unrighteousness in
 6 my hands ; If I have rewarded evil unto him that was at peace
 7 with me ; and set free my adversary empty handed : Let an enemy
 8 pursue my soul, and take *it* ; yea let him tread down my life upon
 9 the earth, and lay⁴ mine honour in the dust. Selah. Arise, O
 10 Eternal in thy wrath, lift up thyself in rage against mine adver-
 11 saries : and awake for me *to the* judgment *that* thou hast commanded.
 12 So shall an assembly of races compass thee about : and over it
 13 return thou on high. The Eternal pronounces judgment on peoples :
 14 judge me, O Eternal, according to my righteousness, and according
 15 to mine integrity *requite* me. Oh, let the wickedness of wicked
 16 ones come to an end ; but establish him that is righteous : for a right-
 17 eous God trieth hearts and reins. My shield *is* with God, who saveth
 18 the upright in heart. God judgeth him that is righteous, and God
 19 is indignant every day. If he return not he will whet his sword ; he
 20 hath bent his bow and made it ready⁵. He hath also prepared
 21 for him instruments⁶ of death ; he worketh his arrows for hot
 22 pursuers. Behold, he conceiveth unrighteousness, and is pregnant
 23 with trouble, and bringeth forth a lie. He digged a pit, and hollowed
 24 it, and is fallen into a ditch *which* he made. His trouble shall
 25 return upon his own head, and his violence shall come down upon
 26 his own pate. I will thank the Eternal according to his righteous-
 27 ness ; and will sing praise to the name of the Eternal most high.

1 2 PSALM VIII.—To the Director upon the Gittith, a Psalm unto
 3 David.—O Eternal our Lord, how mighty *is* thy name in all the
 4 earth ! who hast set⁷ thy glory over the heavens. Out of the mouth
 5 of babes and sucklings hast thou founded strength in reply to thine

¹ amazed.

² cause to melt.

³ take,

⁴ cause to dwell.

⁵ established.

⁶ vessels.

⁷ given.

PSALMS, VIII., IX., X.

adversaries, that thou mightest still an enemy and a self-avenger.
 4 When I see thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, moon and stars
 5 which thou hast established: What is man, that thou rememberest
 6 him? and the son of Adam, that thou bearest him in mind? And
 7 madest him but little inferior to a *God-like being*, and crownedst
 8 him with honour and glory. Thou madest him to have dominion over
 9 the works of thy hands; thou hast set all *things* under his feet:
 10 Flocks and herds: yea and beasts of the field; The fowl of
 the heaven, and the fish of the sea, *and whatsoever* passeth through
 the paths of seas. O Eternal our Lord, how mighty *is* thy name
 in all the earth.

1 PSALM IX.—To the Director of Muth-labben, a Psalm unto David.—
 2 I will acknowledge the Eternal with my whole heart; I will relate
 3 all thy marvellous works. I will be glad and exult in thee: I will
 4 sing praise to thy name, O thou most High. When mine enemies
 5 are turned back they shall stumble and perish at thy presence. For
 thou hast maintained¹ my right² and my cause³; thou satest in
 6 the throne, Judge of Righteousness. Thou hast rebuked nations,
 thou hast destroyed a wicked one, thou hast blotted out their name
 7 for ever and ever. O enemy, *the* ruins are completely vanished,
 and cities thou destroyedst—their memorial is totally perished.
 8 But the Eternal shall endure⁴ for ever: he hath prepared his throne
 9 for the judgment. And he shall judge a world in righteousness,
 10 he shall pronounce judgment on races in uprightness. The Eternal
 also will be a fortress for the crushed, a fortress in vicissitudes, in the
 11 trouble. And they that know thy name will trust in thee: for thou,
 12 Eternal, hast not forsaken them that inquire after thee. Sing praises
 to the Eternal dwelling in Zion: declare among the peoples his
 13 doings. For the avenger⁵ of blood remembereth them: he for-
 14 getteth not the cry of humble ones. Be gracious unto me, O Eter-
 nal: see my poverty by reason of my haters, thou that liftest
 15 me up from the gates of death: That I may relate all thy praise
 in the gates of the daughter of Zion, rejoice in thy salvation.
 16 Nations are sunk down in the pit *that* they made: in a net which
 17 they hid is their own foot caught. The Eternal is known *by*
 a judgment *which* he executed⁶: a wicked one is snared in the
 18 work of his own hands. Higgaion. Selah. Wicked ones shall return
 19 unto *the* grave, *and* all nations that forget God. For *the* needy shall
 not always be forgotten: nor the hope of the poor perish for ever.
 20 Arise, O Eternal; let not man bid defiance: let nations be judged
 21 before thy face. Send⁷, O Eternal, dread upon them: *that* nations
 may know themselves *to be but* men. Selah.

1 PSALM X.—Wherefore standest thou afar off, O Eternal? hidest thou
 2 *thyself* in vicissitudes in the trouble? *The* wicked in *his* pride doth
 hotly pursue *the* poor: let them be caught in the devices that they
 3 have imagined⁸. For *the* wicked boasteth of his heart's lust, and
 4 *the* avaricious blesseth *himself that* he rejecteth the Eternal. *The*

¹ done. ² judgment. ³ plea. ⁴ sit. ⁵ inquirer. ⁶ did. ⁷ set. ⁸ thought.

PSALMS X., XI., XII.

5 wicked according to his haughtiness¹ does not inquire. There is no God, are all his thoughts². His ways are always prosperous||; 6 thy judgments *are* far above out of his sight³: *as for* all his adversaries, he puffeth at them. He hath said in his heart, I shall not totter, for I *shall* not *be* in adversity from generation to generation. 7 His mouth is full of execration, and subtlety, and violence||: under 8 his tongue is trouble and iniquity. He sitteth in the lurking places of *the* inclosures: in the secret places doth he slay *the* innocent: 9 his eyes are privily set against the unfortunate||. He lieth in wait as a lion in his den⁴: he lieth in wait to snatch *the* poor: he doth 10 snatch *the* poor, when he draweth them into his net. He is crouched, 11 he is low, and the unfortunate fall in his strong ones. He hath said in his heart, God hath forgotten: he hath hidden his face; 12 he will never see *it*. Arise, O Lord; O Eternal, lift up thy hand: 13 forget not humble ones. Wherefore doth *the* wicked reject God? he 14 hath said in his heart, Thou wilt not inquire. *But* thou hast seen *it*; for thou beholdest trouble and provocation, to requite⁵ *it* with thy hand: the unfortunate|| committeth himself unto thee; thou art 15 the helper of the fatherless. Break thou the arm of *the* wicked, and 16 as to the evil *man*, seek out⁶ his wickedness *till* you find none. The Eternal *is* king for ever and ever: the heathen⁷ are perished out of 17 his land. Eternal, thou hast heard the desire of humble ones: thou 18 wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to attend: To judge the fatherless and the crushed, that frail man of the earth may no more tyrannise.

1 2 PSALM XI.—To the Director, unto David.—In the Eternal put I my trust: how say ye to my soul, Flee *as* a bird to your mountain? 3 For, lo, the wicked bend *their* bow, they make ready their arrow upon a string, that they may in thick darkness shoot at the upright 4 in heart. If the foundation pillars be pulled down what can the 5 righteous effect? The Eternal *is* in the palace of his holiness, the Eternal his throne⁸ *is* in heaven, *yet* his eyes behold, his eyelids try, 6 the children of men. The Eternal trieth *the* righteous: but *the* 7 wicked and lover of violence his soul hateth. Upon wicked ones he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and a burning wind: *this* 8 *shall be* the portion of their cup. For the Eternal *is* righteous, loving righteousness: his face doth behold *the* upright.

1 PSALM XII.—To the Director of the Eighth, a Psalm unto David.— 2 Save, O Eternal, for it is all over with *the* pious; for faithful ones 3 fail|| from among the children of men. They speak vanity⁹ every one with his fellow: *with* smooth lips *and* with a double heart¹⁰ do 4 they speak. The Eternal shall cut off all smooth lips, *and* the 5 tongue that speaketh proud¹¹ things: Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail; our lips *are* with us: who *is* lord over us? 6 For the oppression¹² of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the Eternal; I will set *him* in salvation at whom

¹ height of his nose. ² devices. ³ from opposite him. ⁴ booth. ⁵ give. ⁶ inquire.
⁷ nations. ⁸ chair. ⁹ nothingness. ¹⁰ with heart and heart. ¹¹ great. ¹² robbery.

PSALMS XII., XIII., XIV., XV., XVI.

7 he puffeth. The sayings of the Eternal *are* pure sayings: silver
8 refined in a furnace from earth, purified seven fold. Thou shalt keep
them, O Eternal, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for
9 ever. Wicked ones walk about on every side: *vileness is prepared*
for the sons of man, as though *it were* exaltation.

1 PSALM XIII.—To the Director, a Psalm unto David.—Until when
wilt thou forget me, O Eternal, altogether¹? until when wilt thou
2 hide thy face from me? Until when shall I take² counsel in my
soul, *having* sorrow in my heart all day? until when shall mine enemy
3 be exalted over me? Look *and* answer me, O Eternal my God:
4 enlighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the *sleep of* death; Lest mine enemy
say, I have prevailed against him; *and* mine adversaries exult when
5 I totter. But I have trusted in thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice
6 in thy salvation. I will sing unto the Eternal, because he hath
requited me.

1 PSALM XIV.—To the Director, a Psalm unto David.—A base one
sayeth in his heart, *There is* no God. They are corrupt, they have done
2 abominable works, *there is* none that doeth good. The Eternal glanced
down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were
3 any that did understand, inquiring *after* God. They have all departed,
they have *all* together become corrupt: *there is* none that doeth good,
4 no, not one. Do all the workers of iniquity not know *this*? they that
eat up my people *as they* eat bread, and call not upon the Eternal.
5 There were³ they in great dread: for God *is* in the generation of the
righteous. Ye may put to shame the counsel of the poor, yet the
6 Eternal *is* his trust. Oh, that the salvation of Israel were come out
of Zion⁴! when the Eternal bringeth back the captivity of his people,
Jacob shall exult, *and* Israel rejoice.

1 PSALM XV.—A Psalm unto David.—Eternal, who shall sojourn in thy
2 tent? who shall dwell in the mountain of thy holiness? He that
walketh uprightly and worketh righteousness, and speaketh truth
3 in his heart. *He that* backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil
4 to his fellow, nor taketh up⁵ a reproach against his neighbour. In
whose eyes a despicable person is contemned; but honoureth them
that fear the Eternal. *He that* sweareth to the wicked, and changeth
5 not. *He that* putteth⁶ not out his money to interest, nor taketh
bribery against the innocent. He that doeth these *things* shall never
totter.

1 PSALM XVI.—Michtam unto David.—Preserve⁷ me, O God: for in
2 thee do I trust. *O my soul*, thou hast said unto the Eternal, Thou
3 *art* Lord: my happiness⁸, nothing is above thee. As to the saints
that *are* in the earth, and to the excellent, in them *is* all my delight.
4 Their sorrows shall be multiplied *that* hasten *after* another god:
their libations will I not pour out on account of blood, nor take up their
5 names on my lips. The Eternal *is* the portion of mine inheritance⁹
6 and of my cup: thou holdest up my lot. The lines¹⁰ are fallen unto me

¹ for ever ² set. ³ they dreaded a dread. ⁴ who will give from Zion Israel's salvation.
⁵ beareth, ⁶ giveth. ⁷ keep, ⁸ goodness. ⁹ part. ¹⁰ cords.

PSALMS XVI., XVII., XVIII.

7 in pleasant *places*; yea, my heritage pleases me. I will bless the Eternal, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct¹ me in
8 the night seasons. I have set the Eternal always before me: because
9 *he is* always at my right hand, I shall not totter. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall dwell
10 in safety. For thou wilt not leave my soul to the grave; neither wilt thou suffer² thy pious to see *the* pit. Thou wilt make known to me the path of life: in thy face *is* fulness of joys; in thy right *hand* *there are* pleasures for evermore.

1 PSALM XVII.—A Prayer of³ David. Hear *the* right, O Eternal, attend unto my cry, give ear unto my prayer, *offered* not with lips
2 of subtlety. Let my judgment come forth from thy presence⁴; let
3 thine eyes behold the things that are straight. Thou hast proved my heart; thou hast visited *me* in the night; thou hast tried⁵ me, *and* shalt find nothing; what I imagined did not even pass my mouth.
4 As to the results *obtained* by men, they are according to the word
5 of thy lips, even if I had observed the ways⁶ of the lawless. Hold
6 up my goings within thy compass, *that* my footsteps slip not. I have called upon thee, for thou wilt answer me, O God: incline thine ear
7 unto me, *and hear* my saying. Signalise thy marvellous loving kindness, O thou that savest from adversaries by thy right *hand* them
8 who trust *in thee*. Keep me as the pupil of the eye, screen me
9 under the shadow of thy wings, From the wicked that despoil me, *from*
10 mine enemies, *who* eagerly⁷ compass me about. They become ob-
11 durate⁸ in their fat: with their mouth they speak proudly. They have now compassed us in our steps: they have set their eyes bowing
12 down⁹ to the earth; Like¹⁰ as a lion *that* is greedy of his prey, and
13 as it were a young lion lurking¹¹ in secret places. Arise, O Eternal, anticipate him, throw him on his knees: free my soul from the wicked,
14 thy sword: From people, thy hand, O Eternal, from people of transitoriness, *who have* their portion in *this* life, and whose belly thou fillest with thy hid *treasure*: and their children are satisfied, and they
15 leave the rest of their *substance* to their babes. As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied when I awake, with thy likeness¹².

1 PSALM XVIII.—To the Director, to the Servant of the Eternal, to David, who spake unto the Eternal the words of this song in the day *that* the Eternal delivered him from the hand of all his enemies,
2 and from the hand of Saul: and he said, I will ardently love thee,
3 O Eternal, my strength. The Eternal *is* my rock and my hold, and my rescuer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my
4 shield, and the horn of my salvation, *and* my fortress. Praised, I will call, is the Eternal, and I shall be saved from mine enemies.
5 The cords of death hemmed me in, and the brooks of perdition affrighted me. The cords of *the* grave compassed me about: the
6 snares of death anticipated me. In my distress I called upon the Eternal, and called unto my God: he heard my voice out of his

¹ chastise. ² give. ³ to. ⁴ face ⁵ refined. ⁶ paths. ⁷ with soul. ⁸ they
close their fat. ⁹ inclining. ¹⁰ his likeness. ¹¹ sitting. ¹² similitude.

PSALM XVIII.

temple, and my cry for help came before him, *even* into his ears
 7 Then the earth shook and quaked; the foundations also of the
 mountains were agitated and shaken, because he glowed in his wrath.
 8 There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth
 9 devoured: live coals were consuming thereout. He inclined the
 heavens also, and came down: and thick darkness *was* under his feet.
 10 And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he soared upon the
 11 wings of the wind. He made¹ darkness his secret place: his pavilion
 round about him *were* darkness of waters *and* thick clouds of the
 12 skies. From the brightness before him his thick clouds passed,
 13 hail *stones* and live coals of fire. The Eternal also thundered in
 the heavens, and the Most High gave his voice; hail *stones* and
 14 live coals of fire. Yea, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them;
 15 and he shot out lightnings and confounded them. Then the sources
 of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were dis-
 covered at thy rebuke, O Eternal, at the breath of the wind of thy
 16 nostrils. He sent from above, he took me, he drew me out of
 17 many waters. He delivered me from my powerful enemy, and from
 18 my haters: for they were too strong² for me. They anticipated me
 19 in the day of my calamity: but the Eternal was my stay. He brought
 me forth also into a large place; he set me free, because he delighted
 20 in me. The Eternal requited me according to my righteousness;
 according to the cleanness of my hands bath he recompensed³ me.
 21 For I have kept the ways of the Eternal, and have not wickedly
 22 departed from my God. For all his judgments *were* before me, and
 23 I did not put away his ordinances from me. I was also perfectly with
 24 him, and I kept myself from mine iniquity. Therefore hath the
 Eternal recompensed³ me according to my righteousness, according
 25 to the cleanness of my hands in his eyes. With the merciful thou
 wilt shew thyself merciful; with an upright⁴ man thou wilt shew
 26 thyself upright⁴; With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and
 27 with the perverse thou wilt deal intricately. For thou wilt save a
 28 poor people; but wilt lower high looks.⁵ For thou wilt light my
 29 lamp: the Eternal my God will enlighten my darkness. For by
 thee I run through a troop; and by my God I leap over a wall.
 30 As *for* God, his way *is* perfect; the saying of the Lord is refined:
 31 he *is* a shield to all those that trust in him. For who *is* God save the
 32 Eternal? or who is a rock⁶ save our God? *It is* God that girdeth
 33 me with force, and maketh⁷ my way perfect. He maketh my feet
 34 equal to those of hinds, and setteth⁸ me upon my high places. He
 teacheth my hands to war, so that a bow of copper is broken by
 35 mine arms. Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and
 thy right hand has holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me
 36 great. Thou hast enlarged my paces under me, that my ancles
 37 did not slip. I have pursued mine enemies, and overtaken them:
 38 neither did I turn again till I had consumed them. I have shattered
 them that they were not able to rise: they are fallen under my feet.
 39 For thou hast girded me with force unto the war: thou hast thrown

¹ set. ² firm. ³ restored. ⁴ perfect. ⁵ eyes. ⁶ crag. ⁷ giveth. ⁸ causeth
 me to stand.

PSALMS XVIII., XIX., XX.

40 my opponents on their knees. Thou hast also turned to me the back¹
 41 of mine enemies, my haters, that I might annihilate them. They
 cried for help, but *there was* no saviour: *even* unto the Eternal, but
 42 he answered them not. Then did I beat them small as the dust
 43 before the wind: I did cast them out as street mire. Thou hast freed
 me from the quarrels of a people; *and* thou hast made² me a head
 44 of nations: a people *whom* I have not known shall serve me. As
 soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me: at the mere report³ sons
 45 of strangers shall dissemble⁴ unto me. Sons of strangers shall fade
 46 away, and be afraid of their close places. The Eternal liveth; and
 blessed *be* my rock;⁵ and let the God of my salvation be exalted.
 47 *It is* God that giveth me vengeance, and submitteth the people under
 48 me. He freeth me from mine enemies; yea, thou liftest me up above
 49 my opponents: thou hast delivered me from the violent man. There-
 fore will I give thanks unto thee, O Eternal, among the nations, and
 50 hymn unto thy name. Great salvation giveth he to his king; and
 sheweth⁶ mercy to his anointed, to David, and to his seed for ever.

1 PSALM XIX.—To the Director, A Psalm unto David.—The heavens
 relate the glory of God; and the expanse, his handywork, telleth of
 2 it. Day by day it uttereth speech, and night by night discourseth
 3 knowledge. It is not a speech or words, the voice of which might
 4 have been heard. Yet their line is gone out through all the earth,
 and their words to the extremity of the world, to the sun *who* hath
 5 set *his* tabernacle in them. And he like a bridegroom coming out of
 6 his bridal chamber, rejoiceth like a hero to run a race. His going
 forth *is* from the extremity of the heaven, and his circuit unto the
 extremities of it: and there is nothing screened from the heat thereof.
 7 The law of the Eternal is perfect, restoring the soul: the testimony
 8 of the Eternal is sure⁷, making wise the simple. The charges of the
 Eternal are straight, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the
 9 Eternal is pure, giving light to the eyes. The fear of the Eternal *is*
 clean, enduring⁸ for ever: the judgments of the Eternal *are* true
 10 *and* righteous altogether. More to be desired *are they* than gold,
 yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and honeycomb.
 11 Thy servant, too, is enlightened by them: *and in* keeping of them
 12 *there is* great reward.⁹ Errors who does perceive? Clear me from
 13 hidden *sins*. Keep back thy servant also from *the* presumptuous;
 let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be blameless,
 14 and I shall clear myself from much transgression. Let the words of
 my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable before
 thee, O Eternal, my strength,⁵ and my redeemer.

1 PSALM XX.—To the director, A Psalm unto David.—The Eternal
 answer thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob
 2 set thee on high; Send thee help from the sanctuary, and sustain
 3 thee out of Zion; Remember all the oblations, and accept thy burnt
 4 sacrifice; Selah. Grant thee according to thine own heart, and
 5 fulfil all thy counsel. We will shout in thy salvation, and in the name
 of our God we will set up *our* banners: the Eternal fulfil all thy

¹ given the nap of the neck.

⁶ doeth.

² put.

⁷ faithful.

³ the hearing of the ear.

⁸ standing.

⁴ deny.

⁵ brag.

⁹ heel.

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6 petitions. Now know I that the Eternal saveth his anointed; he will answer him from the heavens of his holiness with the might of the
7 salvation of his right *hand*. These with chariots, and those with horses:
8 but we will remember the name of the Eternal our God. They sink
9 on their knees and fall: but we are risen, and stand upright. Save,
Eternal, let the king answer us on the day of our calling.

1 PSALM XXI.—To the director, A Psalm unto David.—The king
shall joy in thy strength, O Eternal; and in thy salvation how greatly
2 shall he rejoice! Thou hast given him his heart's desire, and hast
3 not withholden the request of his lips. Selah. For thou anticipatedst him with the blessings of goodness: thou settest a crown
4 of pure gold on his head. He asked life of thee, *and* thou gavest *it*
5 him, *even* length of days for ever and ever. His glory *is* great in thy
6 salvation: honour and majesty hast thou laid upon him. For thou
hast made¹ him most blessed² for ever: thou hast delighted him
7 with rejoicing from thy countenance. For the king trusteth in the
Eternal, and through the mercy of the most High he shall not totter.
8 Thy hand shall find out all thine enemies: thy right *hand* shall find
9 out those that hate thee. Thou shalt make³ them as a fiery oven
in the time of thine anger⁴: the Eternal shall swallow them up in
10 his wrath, and the fire shall devour⁵ them. Their fruit shalt thou
destroy from the earth, and their seed from among the children of
11 men. For they intended⁶ evil against thee; they imagined⁷ a mischie-
12 vious device, *which* they are not able to perform. Therefore shalt
thou make them turn their back,⁸ *when* thou shalt make ready *thine*
13 *arrows* upon thy strings against the face of them. Be thou exalted,
Lord, in thine own strength: *so* will we sing and hymn thy might.

1 PSALM XXII.—To the director upon "hind of the dawn," A Psalm unto
David.—My God, my God, wherefore hast thou forsaken me? *art*
2 far from my salvation, *from* the words of my roaring? O my God,
I call by day, but thou answerest not; and in the night, without my
3 *keeping* silence. But thou *art* holy, O *thou* that dwellest *among*
4 the praises of Israel. Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and
5 thou didst rescue them. They cried unto thee, and escaped: they
6 trusted in thee, and were not confounded. But I *am* a worm, and
no man; a reproach of men, and scorned by the people. All they
7 that see me laugh me to scorn: they distort the lip, they nod the
8 head, *saying*, Trust⁹ on the Eternal, let him rescue him: let him
9 deliver him, seeing he delighted in him. But thou *art* he that
drewest me out of the belly: thou gavest me safety upon my
10 mother's breasts. I was cast upon thee from the womb, thou *art* my
11 God from my mother's belly. Be not far from me; for trouble *is*
12 near; for *there is* none to help. Many bulls have compassed me:
13 strong *bulls* of Bashan have beset me round. They gaped upon me
14 *with* the mouths, *as* a tearing and roaring lion. I am poured out
like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax;
15 it is melted in the midst of my bowels. My strength is dried up
like the potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou

¹ set. ² blessings. ³ set. ⁴ face. ⁵ eat. ⁶ inclined. ⁷ thought. ⁸ shoulder.
⁹ roll.

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16 hast brought¹ me into the dust of death. For dogs have compassed me: an assembly of wicked ones beset me round, like the lion, my hands
17 and my feet. I may tell² all my bones; behold they look and stare³
18 upon me. They divide my garments among them, and cast lots upon
19 my vesture. But be not thou far from me, O Eternal: O my strength,
20 haste thee to help me. Deliver my soul from the sword; my only
21 one from the power⁴ of a dog. Save me from a lion's mouth: for
22 thou hast answered me from the horns of buffaloes. I will declare⁵
thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of a congregation will I
23 praise thee. Ye that fear the Eternal, praise him; all ye the seed
of Jacob, honour him; and stand in awe of him, all ye the seed of
24 Israel. For he hath not despised nor abhorred the ejaculation of
the poor; neither has he screened his face from him; but when he
25 cried unto him for help, he heard. My praise *shall be* of thee in
a numerous congregation: I will pay my vows before them that
26 fear him. The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise
the Eternal that inquire after him; your heart shall live for ever.
27 All the uttermost ends of the world shall remember and return unto
the Eternal: and all the families of nations shall prostrate themselves
28 before thee. For unto the Eternal *belongs* the government: and
29 he is ruler among the nations. They *that* eat all the fat of the earth
prostrate themselves, before him kneel down all that sink into the
30 dust, and also he who cannot keep his soul alive. A seed shall serve
31 him; the Lord is proclaimed to the latest generation. They shall
come, and shall tell his righteousness unto a people that shall be born,
that he hath done *this*.

1 PSALM XXIII.—A Psalm unto David.—The Eternal *is* my shepherd;
2 I shall not want. He maketh me to crouch in rich pastures: he leadeth
3 me beside still waters. He restoreth my soul: he guideth me
4 in the paths⁶ of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though
I walk through the glen of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
5 for thou *art* with me; thy staff and thy prop they comfort me. Thou
settest a table in order before me, opposite my adversaries: thou
6 makest my head fat with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely
goodness and mercy shall follow⁷ me all the days of my life: and I
will abide in the house of the Eternal for a length of days.

1 PSALM XXIV.—Unto David, a Psalm.—Unto the Eternal is the
earth, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell there-
2 in. For he hath founded it upon seas, and established it upon
3 rivers. Who shall go up the mountain of the Eternal? or who shall
4 rise in the place of his holiness? He that is of clean hands and pure
heart; who has not lifted up his soul unto the vanity, nor sworn to
5 deceit. He shall receive⁸ blessing from the Eternal, and righteous-
6 ness from the God of his salvation. *This is* the generation of his
7 inquirers, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah. Lift up your heads,

¹ set. ² relate. ³ see. ⁴ hand. ⁵ relate. ⁶ compass. ⁷ pursue.
⁸ bear

PSALMS XXIV., XXV., XXVI.

O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors;¹ and the King of glory shall come in. Who *is* this King of glory? The Eternal mighty and a hero, the Eternal a hero of war. Lift up your heads; O ye gates; even lift *them* up, ye everlasting doors;¹ and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Eternal of hosts, he *is* the King of glory. Selah.

1 PSALM XXV.—Unto David.—Unto thee, O Eternal, do I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies exult over me. Yea, let none that hope in thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed who are treacherous without cause.² Make known to me thy ways, O Eternal; teach me thy paths. Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou *art* the God of my salvation; in thee do I hope all the day. Remember, O Eternal, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindnesses; for they are from ever. Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness sake, O Eternal. Good and upright is the Eternal: therefore will he teach sinners in the way. The meek will he guide in the judgment: and the meek will he teach his way. All the paths of the Eternal *are* mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies. For thy name's sake, O Eternal, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great.³ Who *is* the man, that feareth the Eternal? him shall he teach in the way *that* he shall choose. His soul shall dwell at ease;⁴ and his seed shall inherit the land. The secret deliberation of the Eternal *is* for them that fear him, and to make known unto them his covenant. Mine eyes *are* ever towards the Eternal; for he shall pluck my feet out of the net. Turn thee unto me, and be gracious unto me; for I *am* desolate and afflicted.⁵ The troubles of my heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my distresses. See mine affliction⁶ and my pain; and bear with all my sins. See mine enemies; for they are many; and they hate me *with* cruel hatred.⁷ O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I trust in thee. Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I hope in thee. Release Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

1 PSALM XXVI.—A Psalm unto David.—Judge me, O Eternal; for I have walked in my simplicity: I have trusted also in the Eternal; *therefore* I shall not slide. Examine me, O Lord, and try me; refine my reins and my heart. For thy mercy *is* before mine eyes: and I have walked in thy truth. I have not sat with vain persons, neither will I go in with dissemblers. I have hated the congregation of evil doers; and will not sit with *the* wicked. I will wash⁸ my hands in innocence: so will I compass thine altar, O Eternal. That

¹ entrances.

² empty.

³ numerous.

⁴ lodge over night in goodness.

⁵ poor.

⁶ poverty.

⁷ hatred of violence.

⁸ lave.

PSALMS XXVI., XXVII., XXVIII.

I may proclaim with the voice of thanksgiving, and declare all thy wondrous works. Eternal, I have loved the residence of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth. Gather not my soul with sinners, nor my life with bloody men: In whose hands *is* mischief,¹ and their right hand is full of bribes. But as for me, I will walk in my simplicity: release me, and be gracious unto me. My foot standeth in an even place: in choirs will I bless the Eternal.

1 PSALM XXVII.—Unto David.—The Eternal *is* my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Eternal *is* the place of the strength of my life; whom shall I dread? When the wicked, *even* my adversaries and enemies, came upon me, to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. Though a camp should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, even in this *will I be* trustful. One *thing* have I asked of the Eternal, that will I seek after; that I may abide in the house of the Eternal all the days of my life, to behold the pleasantness of the Eternal, and to enquire² in his temple. For in the time of evil he shall conceal me in his pavilion:³ in the secret of his tent shall he screen me; he shall set me up upon a rock.⁴ And now shall my head rise high above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I sacrifice in his tent sacrifices of joy;⁵ I will sing, yea, I will hymn unto the Eternal. Hear, O Eternal, *when* I cry with my voice: be gracious unto me, and answer me. Concerning thee, my heart says, Seek ye my face; Thy face, Eternal, will I seek. Screen not thy face *far* from me; put⁶ not thy servant away in wrath; thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation. When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Eternal will take me up. Teach me thy way, O Eternal, and lead me in a plain path, because of my foes. Give me not over according to the desire⁷ of mine adversaries; for false witnesses are risen up against me, breathing too violence. Yet I believe I shall see the goodness of the Eternal in the land of the living. Wait on the Eternal: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thy heart: yea wait on the Eternal.

1 PSALM XXVIII.—Unto David.—Unto thee will I call, O Eternal my rock;⁴ be not deaf to me; lest, *if* thou be silent to me, I resemble them that go down into the pit. Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry for help unto thee, when I lift up my hands towards the oracle of thy holiness. Draw me not away with *the* wicked, and with workers of iniquity, who speak peace to their fellows, but evil is in their hearts. Give them according to their deeds, and according to the evil of their endeavours: give them after the work

¹ evil imagination.

² search.

³ booth.

⁴ crag.

⁵ shouting.

⁶ incline.

⁷ soul.

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- 5 of their hands; render¹ to them their desert. Because they will not understand the operations of the Eternal, nor the works of his hands, he shall destroy² them, and not build them up. Blessed *be* the
 7 Eternal, because he hath heard the voice of my supplications. The Eternal is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song
 8 will I praise him. The Eternal *is* their strength, and he *is* the
 9 stronghold of the salvation of his anointed. Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance: feed them also, and lift them up for ever.³
- 1 Psalm XXIX.—A Psalm unto David.—Give⁴ unto the Eternal, sons
 2 of the powerful, give⁴ unto the Eternal glory⁵ and might. Give⁴ unto the Eternal the glory⁵ due unto his name; prostrate yourself before
 3 the Eternal in the splendour of holiness. The voice of the Eternal *is* upon the waters: the God of glory⁵ thundereth: the Eternal *is*
 4 upon many waters. The voice of the Eternal *is* powerful;⁶ the voice
 5 of the Eternal *is* full of majesty.⁷ The voice of the Eternal breaketh cedars; yea, the Eternal shattereth the cedars of the Lebanon.
 6 He makes them also to skip like a calf; Lebanon and Sirion like the
 7 young of buffaloes. The voice of the Eternal divideth⁸ flames of fire.
 8 The voice of the Eternal shaketh *the* desert; the Eternal shaketh
 9 the desert of Kadesh. The voice of the Eternal maketh hinds to calve, and forests bare: and in his palace doth every one speak of
 10 *his* glory.⁵ The Eternal sat at the deluge; yea, the Eternal sitteth King for ever. The Eternal will give might unto his people; the Eternal will bless his people with the peace.
- 1 Psalm XXX —A Psalm, Song *at* the dedication of the house—unto David.—I will extol thee, O Eternal; for thou hast drawn me up, and
 2 hast not made mine enemies rejoice over me. O Eternal my God, I
 3 cried unto thee for help, and thou hast healed me. O Eternal, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive,
 4 that I should not go down to the pit. Hymn unto the Eternal, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.
 5 For a moment he *abideth* in his wrath, for a life *time* in his kindness: weeping may endure for a night, but exultation *cometh* in the morning.
 6 7 And in my prosperity I said, I shall never totter. Eternal, in thy pleasure thou hast accorded might to my mountain: thou didst screen
 8 thy face, *and* I was troubled. I cried to thee, O Eternal; and the
 9 Eternal I besought. What profit *is there* in my blood, when I go down to the pit? Shall dust praise thee? Shall it tell thy truth?
 10 Hear, O Eternal, and be gracious unto me: O Eternal, be thou my
 11 helper. Thou hast turned for me my lamentation into dancing; thou
 12 hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness; To the end that glory may hymn to thee, and not be silent. O Eternal my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

¹ restore. ² pull down. ³ until the everlastingness. ⁴ get. ⁵ honor. ⁶ with the strength. ⁷ with the majesty. ⁸ heweth out.

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1 PSALM XXXI.—To the director, A Psalm unto David.—In thee, O
 2 Eternal, I trust; let me never be ashamed: rescue me in thy right-
 3 ousness. Incline thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be thou
 4 unto me a rock¹ of strength, for a house of defence² to save me. For
 5 thou *art* my rock and my stronghold; therefore for thy name's sake
 6 lead me, and guide me. Take me out of the net that they have laid
 7 privily for me: for thou *art* my strength. Into thy hand I commit
 8 my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O Eternal God of truth. I have
 9 hated them that keep to vanities of nothingness: but as for me I trust
 10 in the Eternal. I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy: thou who
 11 hast seen my misery: hast known my soul in troubles. And hast not
 12 shut me up into the hand of an enemy: thou hast set my feet in a
 13 large room. Be gracious unto me O Eternal, for I am distressed:
 14 mine eye is consumed with grief, *yea*, my soul and my belly. For
 15 my life is spent in sorrow, and my years with sighing: my strength
 16 faileth³ in mine iniquity, and my bones are consumed. From the
 17 multitude⁴ of mine adversaries I became a reproach of my neighbours,
 18 and a dread to mine acquaintances: they that did see me without,
 19 eschewed me. I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind: I am like
 20 a broken⁵ vessel. For I have heard the report of many: terror *was*
 21 on every side, while they took counsel together against me: they de-
 22 vised to take away my life. But I trusted in thee, O Eternal: I said,
 23 Thou *art* my God. My fate *is* in thy hand: deliver me from the
 24 hand of mine enemies, and from my pursuers. Make thy face to
 25 shine upon thy servant: save me in thy mercy. Let me not be
 26 ashamed, O Eternal; for I have called upon thee: let *the* wicked be
 27 ashamed, *and* let them be silent for *the* grave. Let lips of lie be
 28 struck dumb; which speak grievous things proudly and contemp-
 29 tuously against the righteous. *Oh* how great *is* thy goodness, which
 30 thou hast laid up in secret for them that fear thee; *which* thou hast
 31 wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men! Thou
 32 shalt screen them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man:
 33 thou shalt conceal them in a booth from strife of tongues. Blessed
 34 be the Eternal: for he hath made conspicuous his kindness for me
 35 in a besieged city. But I, to be sure, said in my haste, I am cut off
 36 from before thine eyes: nevertheless thou heardest the voice of my
 37 supplications when I cried for help unto thee. O love the Eternal,
 38 all ye his saints: for the Eternal guardeth the faithful, and requiteth
 39 the haughtiness of the proud doer. Be ye strong, and he shall
 40 confirm your heart, all ye that wait for the Eternal.

1 PSALM XXXII.—Unto David, Maschil.—O happiness of him whose
 2 transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. O happiness of the

¹ crag.

² strongholds.

³ stumbleth.

⁴ all.

⁵ perishing.

PSALMS XXXII., XXXIII.

man unto whom the Eternal imputeth no iniquity, and in whose spirit
 3 *there is* no guile. When I kept silence, my bones withered through my
 4 roaring all the day long. For by day and night thy hand was heavy
 upon me : my moisture is turned in the droughts of summer. Selah.
 5 I made known my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not covered.
 I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Eternal ; and thou
 6 forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah. For this shall every saint
 pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found : surely in the
 7 floods of great¹ waters they shall not reach him. Thou *art* my
 hiding place ; thou shalt guard me from an adversary ; thou shalt
 8 compass me about with shouts of deliverance. Selah. I will instruct
 thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go : I will counsel
 9 thee, mine eye *shall be* upon thee. Be ye not as a horse, or as a
 mule, without understanding : to be held in with bit and bridle, lest
 10 they come near unto thee. Many sorrows hath the wicked : but he
 11 that trusteth in the Eternal, mercy shall compass him about. Be
 glad in the Eternal, and rejoice, ye righteous : and cause ye to shout,
 all that *are* upright in heart.

1 PSALM XXXIII.—Exult in the Eternal, O ye righteous, *for* praise is
 2 comely for the upright. Thank the Eternal with harp : hymn unto
 3 him with a ten-stringed psaltery. Sing unto him a new song ; play
 4 skilfully amidst loud sounding mirth. For the word of the Eternal
 5 *is* upright, and all his deeds *are done* in faithfulness. He loveth
 righteousness and judgment : the earth is full of the mercy of the
 6 Eternal. By the word of the Eternal were heavens made ; and all
 7 the host of them by the breath² of his mouth. He gathereth the
 waters of the sea together as a mound : he layeth up³ the murmuring
 8 deep in storehouses⁴. Let all the earth fear the Eternal : let all the
 9 inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. For he said, and it
 10 *was done* ; he commanded, and it stood fast. The Eternal maketh
 void the counsel of nations : he disalloweth the devices⁵ of peoples.
 11 The counsel of the Eternal standeth for ever, the thoughts of his
 12 heart to all ages. Happy *is* the nation whose God *is* the Eternal ;
 13 *and* the people *whom* he has chosen for his own inheritance. The
 14 Eternal looketh from heaven ; he seeketh all the sons of men. From
 the establishment of his seat he looketh narrowly upon all the inha-
 15 bitants of the earth. He that formed their hearts altogether, *is* he
 16 that considereth all their deeds. The king is not saved by the mul-
 17 titude of a force : a hero is not delivered by much strength. A
 horse *is* a vain⁶ thing for salvation : neither shall he rescue *any* by
 18 the multitude of his force. Behold, the eye of the Eternal *is* upon
 19 them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy ; To deliver
 20 their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine. Our soul

¹ many.

² wind.

³ giveth.

⁴ treasures.

⁵ thoughts.

⁶ lie.

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21 waiteth for the Eternal: he *is* our help and our shield. For our
heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in the name of
22 his holiness. Let thy mercy, O Eternal, be upon us, according as
we hope in thee.

PSALM XXXIV.—Unto David, when he changed his behaviour¹
before Abimelech; who drove him away, and he went away.—

1 I will bless the Eternal at all times: his praise *shall* continually *be*
2 in my mouth. My soul shall boast itself in the Eternal: the meek
3 shall hear *thereof*, and be glad. O magnify the Eternal with me,
4 and let us exalt his name together. I inquired for the Eternal, and
5 he answered me, and delivered me from all my dread. They looked
unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.
6 This poor man cried, and the Eternal heard *him*, and saved him out
7 of all his troubles. An angel² of the Eternal encampeth round about
8 them that fear him, and delivereth them. O taste and see that the
9 Eternal *is* good: happy *is* the man *that* trusteth in him. O fear the
Eternal, ye his saints: for *there is* no want to them that fear him.
10 Young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that inquire after
11 the Eternal shall not want any good *thing*. Come, ye children,
12 hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Eternal. What
man *is he that* desireth life, and loveth *many* days, that he may see
13 good? Guard thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking
14 guile. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.
15 The eyes of the Eternal *are* upon the righteous, and his ears *are*
16 open unto their cry for help. The face of the Eternal *is* against them
that do evil, to exterminate the remembrance of them from the earth.
17 *The righteous* cry, and the Eternal heareth, and delivereth them out
18 of all their troubles. The Eternal *is* nigh unto them that are of a
19 broken heart; and saveth such as are of a contrite spirit. Many *are*
the afflictions of the righteous: but the Eternal delivereth him out
20 of them all. He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.
21 Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall
22 incur guilt. The Eternal releaseth the soul of his servants: and none
of them that trust in him shall incur guilt.

1 PSALM XXXV.—Unto David.—Strive, O Eternal, with them that
2 strive with me; fight against them that fight against me. Take
3 hold of shield and buckler, and for my help arise. Draw out also
the spear, and grasp it against them that pursue me: say unto my
4 soul, I *am* thy salvation. Let them be confounded and put to shame
that seek after my soul: let them recede and turn pale that devise
5 my hurt.³ Let them be as chaff before a wind: and let an angel² of
6 the Eternal chase⁴ them. Let their way be darkness and slipperiness:
7 and let an angel² of the Eternal pursue them. For without cause have
they hid for me their net *in* a pit, for without cause have they digged for

¹ taste.

² messenger.

³ think my evil.

⁴ push.

PSALMS XXXV., XXXVI.

8 my soul. Let desolation come upon him at unawares:¹ and let his net that he hath hid catch² himself: with desolation let him fall into
9 it. And my soul shall be joyful in the Eternal: it shall rejoice in his
10 salvation. All my bones shall say, Eternal, who *is* like unto thee, who deliverest the poor from him that is too strong for him, yea, the
11 poor and the needy from him that robbeth him. *Testifying* to violence, witnesses rise up; they ask me what I know not. They
12 requited me evil for good, *it is* bereavement to my soul. But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing *was* sackcloth: I afflicted my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom.
13 As though *he had been* a fellow or brother unto me, I walked about:
14 I bowed down heavily,³ as one *in* mourning *for* a mother. But in my halting they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together: *yea*, railers gathered themselves together against me, and I knew *it* not;
15 they did rend *me*, and paused not. With hypocritical mockers
16 parasitically,⁴ they gnashed upon me with their teeth. Lord, how long⁵ wilt thou look on?⁶ rescue my soul from their desolation, my
17 only one from young lions. I will give thee thanks in a numerous
18 congregation: I will praise thee among a mighty people. Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully⁷ rejoice over me: *neither* let
19 them wink with the eye that hate me for nothing. For they speak not peace: but they devise⁸ deceitful matters against *them that are*
20 quiet in the land. Yea, they opened their mouth wide against me,
21 *and* said, Aha, aha, our eye hath seen *it*. *This* thou hast seen,
22 O Eternal: keep not silence: O Eternal, be not far from me. Stir up thyself, and awake to my judgment, *even* unto my strife, my God
23 and my Lord. Judge me, O Eternal my God, according to thy
24 righteousness; and let them not rejoice over me. Let them not say in their hearts, Ah, our desire:⁹ let them not say, We have swallowed
25 him up. Let them be ashamed and turn pale together that rejoice at my hurt:¹⁰ let them be clothed with shame and confusion that
26 magnify *themselves* against me. Let them shout for joy, and rejoice that are pleased with my righteousness: yea, let them say continually,
27 Great is the Eternal who is pleased with the prosperity¹¹ of his servant.
28 And my tongue shall utter thy righteousness *and* thy praise all the day long.

PSALM XXXVI.—To the director, unto David, the servant of the
1 Eternal.—The declaration of the wicked *resoundeth* within my heart,
2 *there is* no awe of God before his eyes. For it flattereth him in his
3 own eyes that his iniquity in hatred may find him. The words of his mouth *are* iniquity and deceit: he hath left off to act wisely, *and* to
4 do good. He deviseth¹² iniquity upon his place of repose; he placeth
5 himself in a way *that is* not good; he scorneth not evil. Thy mercy, O Eternal, *is* in the heavens; *and* thy faithfulness *reacheth* unto the
6 sky. Thy righteousness *is* like great mountains;¹³ thy judgments *are* a great murmuring deep: O Eternal, thou savest man and beast.
7 How precious *is* thy mercy, O God! therefore the children of men

¹ he shall not know. ² conquer. ³ squalidly. ⁴ cake. ⁵ how much. ⁶ see.
⁷ a lie. ⁸ think. ⁹ our soul. ¹⁰ evil. ¹¹ peace. ¹² thinks. ¹³ mountains of God.

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8 put their trust under the shadow of thy wings. They shall be saturated with the fatness of thy house ; and thou shalt make them drink
9 of the river of thy pleasures. For with thee *is* the fountain of life : in
10 thy light shall we see light. O continue¹ thy mercy unto them that
11 know thee ; and thy righteousness to the upright in heart. Let not
the foot of pride come against me, and let not the hand of the wicked
12 remove me. There are the workers of iniquity fallen : they are
cast down, and shall not be able to rise.

1 PSALM XXXVII.—Unto David.—Fret not thyself because of evil-
2 workers, neither be thou envious against the doers of wrong. For
they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green
3 herb. Trust in the Eternal, and do good ; dwell in the land, and
4 feed with faithfulness. Delight thyself also in the Eternal ; and he
5 shall give thee the desires of thy heart. Commit² thy way unto the
6 Eternal ; trust also in him ; and he shall bring it to pass.³ And he
shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as
7 the noonday. Rest in the Eternal, and wait patiently for him : fret
not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the
8 man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. Cease from wrath, and
9 forsake fury ; fret not thyself, *for* it is only for evil. For evildoers
shall be cut off : but those that wait upon the Eternal, they shall
10 inherit *the* land. For yet a little while, and *the* wicked is no more :
yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it *shall* not be.
11 But *the* meek shall inherit *the* land ; and shall delight themselves in
12 the abundance of peace. *The* wicked plotteth against the righteous,
13 and gnasheth upon him with his teeth. The Lord shall laugh at him :
14 for he seeth that his day is coming. *The* wicked have drawn out⁴ a
sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down *the* poor and needy,
15 *and* to slay, such as are upright, in *the* way. Their sword shall enter
16 into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken. A little that
the righteous man hath *is* better than the abundance of many wicked.
17 For the arms of *the* wicked shall be broken : but the Eternal up-
18 holdeth *the* righteous. The Eternal knoweth the days of the upright :⁵
19 and their inheritance shall be for ever. They shall not be ashamed
in the time of evil : and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.
20 But *the* wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the Eternal *shall* be
as the fat⁶ of lambs : they shall consume ; into smoke shall they con-
21 sume away. *The* wicked borroweth, and payeth not again : but *the*
22 righteous is merciful, and giveth. For *such as* were blessed of him shall
inherit *the* land ; and *they that are* execrated of him shall be cut off.
23 The steps of a *good* man are established by the Eternal ; and he de-
24 lighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast
25 down : for the Eternal upholdeth *him with* his hand. I was young,
and *now* am old ; yet have I not seen *the* righteous forsaken, nor his
26 seed begging⁷ bread. All day he is merciful, and lendeth ; and his
27 seed *is* for blessing. Depart from evil, and do good ; and dwell

¹ draw ² roll. ³ do. ⁴ opened. ⁵ perfect. ⁶ preciousness. ⁷ seeking.

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28 for evermore. For the Eternal loveth judgment, and forsaketh not
his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked
29 shall be cut off. *The* righteous shall inherit *the* land, and dwell
30 therein for ever. The mouth of *the* righteous uttereth wisdom, and
31 his tongue talketh of judgment. The law of God *is* in his heart;
32 none of his steps shall slide. *The* wicked watcheth the righteous,
33 and seeketh to put him to death. The Eternal will not leave him in
34 his hand, nor declare him guilty when he is judged. Wait on the
Eternal, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit *the* land:
35 the cutting off of the wicked thou shalt see. I have seen a terrible
36 wicked one, and spreading himself like a bushy *native tree*. Yet he
passed away, and, lo, he *was* not: yea, I sought him, but he could
37 not be found. Observe the perfect *man*, and behold the upright:
38 for the end of *that* man *is* peace. But transgressors shall be destroyed
39 together: the end¹ of the wicked shall be cut off. But the salvation
of the righteous *is* of the Eternal: *he is* their strength in the time of
40 trouble. And the Eternal shall help them, and rescue them: he
shall rescue them from the wicked, and save them, because they
trust in him.

PSALM XXXVIII.—A Psalm unto David, to bring to remembrance.—

1 O Eternal, reprove me not in thy anger: neither chasten me in thy
2 fury. For thine arrows stick fast in me, and thy hand presseth me
3 sore. *There is* no soundness in my flesh because of thine indigna-
4 tion; neither *is there any* peace in my bones because of my sin. For
mine iniquities are gone over my head: as a heavy burden they are
5 too heavy for me. My stripes have become fetid and fester because
6 of my foolishness. I am bent; I am bowed down greatly; I go
7 mourning all the day long. For my loins are filled with burning
8 *disease*: and *there is* no soundness in my flesh. I am benumbed and
sore crushed: I have roared by reason of the groaning of my heart.
9 Lord, all my desire *is* before thee; and my sighing is not hid from
10 thee. My heart panteth, my strength forsaketh me: as for the light
11 of mine eyes, it also is gone from me. My lovers and my friends
12 stand aloof from my affliction; and my kinsmen stand afar off. They
also that seek after my life lay snares *for me*: and they that seek my
hurt speak mischievous things, and imagine deceits all the day long.
13 But, as though I were deaf I would not hear; and like a dumb man *that*
14 openeth not his mouth. Thus I was as a man that heareth not, and
15 in whose mouth *are* no arguments. For in thee, O Eternal, do I
16 hope: thou wilt answer, O Lord my God. For I said, Lest, they
rejoice over me: when my foot slippeth, they magnify *themselves*
17 against me. For I *am* ready to halt, and my sorrow *is* continually
18 before me. For I will declare mine iniquity; I am apprehensive by
19 reason of my sin. But mine enemies are alive, *and* they are mighty:

¹ remoteness.

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20 and they that hate me wrongfully are numerous ; They also that
render evil for good, becoming mine adversaries because of my fol-
21 lowing what is good. Forsake me not, O Eternal ; O my God, be
22 not far from me. Make haste to help me, O Lord my salvation.

PSALM XXXIX.—To the director, even to Jeduthun, A Psalm unto
1 David.—I said, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my
tongue : I will keep my mouth with a muzzle, while the wicked is
2 before me. I was dumb with silence, I held my peace, *even* from
3 good ; and my sorrow was stirred. My heart was hot within me, in
4 my fervor the fire burned : then spake I with my tongue, Eternal,
make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it *is* ;
5 *that* I may know how frail I *am*. Behold, thou hast made my days as
handbreadths ; and my lifetime *is* as nothing before thee : verily every
6 man *is* altogether vanity. This is established. Selah. Surely
every man walketh in a vain shew :¹ surely their noise is for vanity :
7 he heapeth up *riches*, and knoweth not who shall gather them. And
8 now, Lord, what wait I for ? my hope *is* in thee. Deliver me from
9 all my transgressions : make me not a reproach of the base. I was
10 dumb, I opened not my mouth ; because thou didst *it*. Remove thy
infliction from me : I am consumed by the instigation of thy hand.
11 *When* thou with rebukes² dost correct³ man for iniquity, thou makest
his beauty to melt away, as the moth *consumeth* ; surely every man
12 *is* vanity. Selah. Hear my prayer, O Eternal, and give ear unto
my cry for help ; hold not thy peace at my tears : for I *am* a stranger
13 with thee, *and* a sojourner as all my fathers *were*. Take off thy *angry*
look from me that I may cheer up⁴ before I go *hence*, and be no
more.

1 PSALM XL.—To the Director, unto David, a Psalm.—I waited pa-
tiently for the Eternal ; and he inclined unto me, and heard me cry
2 for help. He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry
3 clay, and set my feet upon a rock, *and* established my goings. And
he hath put⁵ a new song in my mouth, *even* praise unto our God :
4 many shall see *it*, and fear and trust in the Eternal. O, happiness of
the man that maketh⁶ the Eternal his trust, and turneth not to
5 boastings, nor to such as turn aside to falsehood. Many things hast
thou performed, O Eternal my God ; thy wonderful works and thy
thoughts *which are* to us-ward : nothing is comparable with thee :
if I would declare and speak *of them*, they are more⁷ than can be
6 numbered. Sacrifice and oblation thou didst not desire ; ears hast
thou given⁸ me : burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not de-
7 manded. Then said I, Lo, I come with the scroll of the book. It is
8 written for me. I delight to do thy will, O my God : yea, thy law

¹ image.

² arguments.

³ chastise.

⁴ shine forth.

⁵ given.

⁶ putteth.

⁷ mightier.

⁸ dug.

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9 *is* within my heart.¹ I have announced righteousness in a numerous congregation: lo, I have not refrained² my lips, O Eternal, thou knowest. I have not hid³ thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared⁴ thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed⁵ thy mercy and thy truth from a numerous congregation. Withhold not thou thy compassion from me, O Eternal, let thy mercy and thy truth continually preserve me. For evils without number have hemmed me in: mine iniquities have overtaken me, so that I am not able to look up; they are more⁶ than the hairs of my head: therefore my heart faileth⁷ me. Be pleased, O Eternal, to deliver me: O Eternal, make haste to help me. Let them be ashamed and turn pale together that seek after my soul to destroy it; let them be driven backward and be confounded that wish me evil. Let them be desolate in consequence of their shame that say unto me, Aha, aha. Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The Eternal be magnified. But I *am* poor and needy; *yet* the Lord thinketh upon me: thou *art* my help and my rescuer; delay not, O my God.

1 PSALM XLI.—To the Director, A Psalm unto David.—O, happiness of him that acteth wisely towards the indigent: the Eternal will rescue him in the day of evil. The Eternal will guard him, and keep him alive; *and* he shall be declared happy upon the earth: and thou wilt not deliver⁸ him unto the will⁹ of his enemies. The Eternal will sustain him upon the bed¹⁰ of languishing: all his place of repose thou turnest in his sickness. I said, Eternal, be gracious unto me: heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee. Mine enemies speak evil of me, When shall he die, and his name perish? And if he come to see *me*, he speaketh vanity¹¹: his heart gathereth mischief to itself; he goeth abroad, he speaketh of *it*. All that hate me whisper together against me: against me do they devise¹² my hurt. A thing of perdition shall alight¹³ upon him: and *now* that he lieth he shall rise up no more. Yea, mine own familiar friend,¹⁴ in whom I trusted, who did eat of my bread, hath lifted up¹⁵ *his* heel against me. But thou, O Eternal, be gracious unto me, and raise me up, that I may requite them. By this I know that thou art pleased with me, because mine enemy doth not triumph over me. And as for me, thou upholdest me in mine integrity, and settest me before thy face for ever. Blessed *be* the Eternal God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen, and Amen.

1 PSALM XLII.—To the director, Maschil, for the sons of Korah.—As a hart panteth after water springs, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I

¹ bowels. ² withheld. ³ covered. ⁴ said. ⁵ denied. ⁶ mightier. ⁷ forsaketh. ⁸ give
⁹ soul. ¹⁰ bedstead. ¹¹ nothingness. ¹² think. ¹³ pour. ¹⁴ the man of my peace.
¹⁵ magnified.

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3 come and appear before God? My tears have been my bread by day and by night, while they all day say unto me, Where *is* thy God?
 4 When I remember these *things*, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, when I used to march along,¹ to go in pilgrimage with them to the house of God, with the voice of rejoicing
 5 and thanks—a festive crowd. What for art thou cast down, O my soul? and what for waleth thou over me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet thank him, the salvation of my person,² and my God.
 6 My soul is cast down within me: therefore will I remember thee from the land of Jordan, and the Hermonites, from the hill Mizar.
 7 Murmuring deep calleth unto murmuring deep at the noise³ of thy waterspouts: all thy waves and thy billows have passed over me.
 8 Yet the Eternal will command his mercy in daytime, and in the night his song *shall be* with me, *and* my prayer unto the God of my life.
 9 I will say unto God my rock, Wherefore hast thou forgotten me? Wherefore go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?
 10 As with a sword⁴ in my bones, mine enemies reproach me; while they
 11 say every day unto me, Where *is* thy God? What for art thou cast down, O my soul? and what for waleth thou over me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet thank him, the salvation of my person² and my God.

1 PSALM XLIII.—Judge me, O God, and strive in my strife against an
 2 impious nation: O rescue me from a deceitful and unjust man. For thou *art* the God of my strength: wherefore dost thou cast me off?
 3 wherefore go I mourning because of the oppression of an enemy? O send out thy light and thy truth: let them guide me; let them bring
 4 me unto the mountain of thy holiness, and to thy dwellings. That I may come unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy:⁵ yea,
 5 upon the harp will I thank thee, O God my God. What for art thou cast down, O my soul? and what for waleth thou over me? hope in God: for I shall yet thank him, the salvation of my person² and my God.

1 PSALM XLIV.—To the Director, to the sons of Korah, Maschil.—We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have related to us,
 2 *what* work thou wroughtest in their days, in the times of old. *How* thou didst dispossess nations *with* thy hand, and plantedst them; *how*
 3 thou didst afflict races, and cast them out. For not by their own sword possessed they the land, neither did their own arm save them: but thy right *hand*, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou tookest pleasure in them. Thou who art my

¹ pass. ² face. ³ voice. ⁴ murder. ⁵ joy of exaltation.

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5 King, O God, command salvation for Jacob. Through thee will we push down our enemies: through thy name will we tread them under that rise up against us. For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me. But thou hast saved us from our adversaries, and hast put them to shame that hated us. In God we boast all the day long, and acknowledge thy name for ever. Selah. But thou hast cast off, and confounded us; and goest not forth with our hosts. Thou makest us to turn back from the adversary: and they who hate us spoil for themselves. Thou hast given us like sheep *appointed* for meat; and hast scattered us among the nations. Thou sellest thy people for what is worthless, and dost not increase *thy wealth* by their price. Thou makest us a reproach¹ to our neighbours, a scorn and a derision to them that are round about us. Thou makest us a byword among the nations, a shaking of the head among the people.² My confusion is the whole day before me, and the shame of my face hath covered me, For the voice of a scorner and reviler; by reason of the enemy and revengful. All this is come upon us; yet have we not forgotten thee, neither have we dealt falsely in thy covenant. Our heart is not turned back, that our steps should have declined from thy path; Though thou hast crushed us in the place of jackals, and covered us with the shadow of death. If we have forgotten the name of our God, or spread forth our hands to a strange³ god; Shall not God search this out? for he knoweth the secrets of a heart. Yea, for thy sake are we killed all the day long; we are counted⁴ as sheep for the slaughter. Awake, why sleepest thou, O Lord? arouse thyself, cast *us* not off for ever. Wherefore hidest⁵ thou thy face, *and* forgettest our poverty and our oppression? For our soul is bowed down to the dust: our belly cleaveth unto the earth. Arise for our help, and release us for thy mercies' sake.

PSALM XLV.—To the director upon Shoshannim, to the sons of Korah, Maschil, A song of loves.—My heart bubbleth up in pleasant⁶ words. I dedicate⁷ my works to a king: my tongue *is* the pen of a ready writer. Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever. Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O hero, with thy glory and thy Majesty. And in thy majesty break forth, ride for the cause⁸ of truth and meekness *and* righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things. Thine arrows *are* sharp, peoples fall under thee, *piercing* into the heart of the king's enemies. Thy throne, O God, *is* for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom *is* a sceptre of justice. Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. All thy garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, *and* cassia, out

¹ disgrace.

² races.

³ lay.

⁴ thought.

⁵ screenest.

⁶ good.

⁷ say.

⁸ word.

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9 of ivory palaces have musical strains gladdened thee. Kings' daughters *were* among thy honourable¹ women : upon thy right *hand*
 10 did stand the queen² in gold of Ophir. Harken, O daughter, and see, and incline thine ear ; forget also thy people, and thy father's
 11 house ; So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty : for he *is* thy
 12 lord ; and prostrate thyself before him. And the daughter of Tyre *shall be there* with a gift : *even* the rich among the people shall entreat
 13 thy favour.³ The king's daughter *is* all glorious within : her clothing
 14 *is* interwoven *with* gold. She shall be led unto the king in embroidered raiment : virgins after her, her companions, shall be brought unto thee.
 15 With gladness and rejoicing shall they be led : they shall enter into
 16 a king's palace. Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children, thou
 17 wilt appoint them officers in the whole land. I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations : therefore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever.

PSALM XLVI.—To the director, to the sons of Korah, upon Alamoth,
 1 A Song.—God *is* a refuge unto us, and a mountain, a help in troubles
 2 found immediately. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth should be overturned, and though mountains should totter in the heart
 3 of seas. *Though* the waters thereof roar *and* surge, *though* mountains
 4 quake at his excellency. Selah. A river and its rivulets shall make glad the city of God, the Holy One in the dwellings of the most
 5 High. God *is* in the midst of her ; she shall not totter : God *shall* help her, at the turn of morning. Nations roared, kingdoms tot-
 7 tered : he uttered⁴ his voice, *the* earth melted. The Eternal of hosts
 8 *is* with us ; the God of Jacob *is* our refuge. Selah. Come, regard the operations of the Eternal, who made⁵ desolations in the earth.
 9 He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth ; he breaketh a bow, and cutteth a spear in sunder ; he burneth waggons in the fire.
 10 Be still, and know that I *am* God : I will be exalted among the na-
 11 tions, I will be exalted in the earth. The Eternal of hosts *is* with us ; the God of Jacob *is* our refuge. Selah.

PSALM XLVII.—To the director, to the sons of Korah, A Psalm.—
 1 O clap your hands, all ye peoples ; shout unto God with the voice of
 2 triumph. For the Eternal most high *is* fearful ; *he is* a great King
 3 over all the earth. He shall subdue peoples under us, and races
 4 under our feet. He shall choose our inheritance for us, the excel-
 5 lency of Jacob whom he loved. Selah. God is gone up with a

¹ precious.



² head-wife.

³ face.

⁴ gave.

⁵ put.

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6 shout¹, the Eternal with the sound of a cornet.  Hymn to God,
7 hymn praises: hymn unto our King, hymn. For God *is* the King
8 of all the earth: sing ye praises *with* understanding.  God reigneth
over the nations: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.
9 Nobles of the peoples are gathered together, *even* the people of the
God of Abraham: for the shields of *the* earth *belong* unto God: he
is greatly exalted.

1 PSALM XLVIII.—A Song *and* Psalm unto the sons of Korah.—Great
is the Eternal, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, *in*
2 the mountain of his holiness. Beautiful district, joy of the whole
earth, mount Zion, both sides of the north, city of a great² King—
3 4 God in her palaces is known for a refuge. For, lo, the kings made
5 an appointment, they passed by together. They saw *it*, *and* so they
6 marvelled; they were troubled, *and* hurried away in dismay. Tremb-
ling took hold of them there, *and* writhing, as of a woman in
7 travail. Thou shatterest the ships of Tarshish with an east wind.
8 As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Eternal of hosts,
9 in the city of our God: God will establish it for ever. Selah. We
picture to ourselves, O God, thy mercy, in the midst of thy temple.
10 According to thy name, O God, so *is* thy praise unto the ends of
11 *the* earth: thy right hand is full of righteousness. Let mount Zion
rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgments.
12 Walk about Zion, and encompass her: count the towers thereof.
13 Mark ye well³ her trench, survey her palaces; that ye may relate *it*
14 to a later generation. For this *is* God our God for ever and ever:
he will be our guide *even* unto death.

PSALM XLIX.—To the director, to the sons of Korah, A Psalm.—
1 Hear this, all ye peoples; give ear, all *ye* inhabitants of a transitory
2 world: Both sons of the lowly and sons of the high, rich and needy
3 together. My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of
4 my heart *shall be* of understanding. I will incline mine ear to a
5 parable: I will open my subtle saying upon the harp. Wherefore
should I fear in the days of evil, should even the iniquity of my cir-
6 cumventors compass me about, Who trust in their wealth,⁴ and
7 boast themselves in the multitude of their riches? *Yet even* the sub-
stantial may not redeem a brother, nor give to the judges⁵ his ransom:
8 Even the ransom of their life⁶ is *too* precious, and so it is left alone
9 for ever, As though he lived further on for ever, and would not see
10 the grave. Yet he seeth *that* wise men die, likewise the fool and the
11 brutish person perish, and leave their wealth⁴ to others. Their in-
ward *thought is*, *that* their houses *shall continue* for ever, *and* their
dwelling places to all generations; they call *their* lands after their
12 own names. Nevertheless man *being* in honour abideth not: he is
13 like the beasts *that* are irrational.⁷ This their way *is* their folly:

¹ din. ² numerous. ³ set your heart. ⁴ force. ⁵ God. ⁶ soul. ⁷ dumb.

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14 yet those after them take pleasure in their sayings.¹ Selah. Like
the flock they lay *them* in the grave; death shall feed them; and *the*
upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; and *their*
15 rock shall consume the grave that it remain not their abode. Truly
God will redeem my soul from the hand of the grave: he shall receive
16 me. Selah. Be not thou afraid when one is made rich, when the
17 glory of his house is increased; For when he dieth he shall not
18 carry anything away: his glory shall not descend after him. Though
while he lived he blessed his soul, and praised thee, when thou doest
19 well to thyself; Yet when thou comest to the generation of his
20 fathers, they shall never see light. Man *that is* in honour, and under-
standeth *this* not, is like the beasts *that* are irrational.²

1 PSALM L.—A Psalm unto Asaph.—The Mighty One, God, *even* the
Eternal, hath spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun
2 unto the going down thereof. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
3 God hath shined. Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence:
a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round
4 about him. He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the
5 earth, that he may pronounce judgment on his people. Gather my
saints together unto me; those that have made³ a covenant with me
6 by sacrifice. And heavens shall tell his righteousness: for God *is*
7 judge himself. Selah. Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O
8 Israel, and I will testify against thee: God, thy God even. I will
not reprove thee for thy sacrifices, since thy burnt offerings *have been*
9 continually before me. I will take no bull out of thy house, *nor* he
10 goats out of thy folds. For mine is every forest animal, beasts on
11 mountains by thousands. I know every fowl on mountains: and the
12 wild beasts of fields *are* mine. If I were hungry, I would not tell
13 thee: for the world *is* mine, and the fulness thereof. Will I eat the
14 flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of he goats? Offer⁴ unto God
15 thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High: And call
upon me in the day of trouble: I will rescue thee, and thou shalt
16 glorify me. But unto the wicked God saith, what business hast
thou to declare⁵ my statutes, *that* thou shouldest take my covenant in
17 thy mouth? Seeing thou hatest instruction, and castest my words
18 *behind* thee. When thou sawest a thief, then thou wast pleased with
19 him, and hast thy portion with adulterers. Thy mouth thou lettest
20 loose⁶ to evil, and thy tongue frameth deceit. Thou sittest and
speakest against thy brother; uttereth⁷ scandal against thine own
21 mother's son. These *things* hast thou done, and I kept silence;
thou imaginedst that I was altogether *such an one* as thyself: *but* I
22 will reprove thee, and set *them* in order before thine eyes. Now
consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear *you* in pieces, and *there*
23 *be* none to deliver, He who offereth thanksgiving glorifieth me, also
he that maketh⁸ *his* way *straight* him will I show the salvation of
God.

¹ mouths: ² dumb. ³ cut. ⁴ sacrifice. ⁵ relate. ⁶ sendest. ⁷ giveth.
⁸ putteth.

PSALMS LI., LII.

PSALM LI.—To the director, A Psalm unto David, when Nathan the
 1 prophet came unto him, after he had come to Bathsheba.—Be gra-
 2 cious unto me, O God, according to thy mercy: according to the
 3 multitude of thy compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash me
 4 thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For
 5 I know my transgressions: and my sin *is* ever before me. Against
 6 thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done the evil in thine eyes: that
 7 thou mayest be righteous in thy speaking, clear in thy judging.
 8 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive
 9 me. Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the
 10 hidden *part* thou shalt make me to know wisdom. Purge me with
 11 hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than
 12 snow. Make me to hear joy and gladness; *that* the bones *which*
 13 thou hast crushed may exult. Screen thy face from my sins, and
 14 blot out all mine iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God;
 15 and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy
 16 presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me
 17 the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me *with* a willing spirit. *Then*
 18 will I teach transgressors thy way; and sinners shall return unto
 19 thee. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my
 20 salvation: and my tongue shall shout thy righteousness. O Lord,
 21 open thou my lips; and my mouth shall tell thy praise. For thou
 22 desirest not sacrifice; else would I give *it*: thou delightest not in
 23 burnt offering. The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit: a broken
 24 and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. Do good in thy
 25 good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem.
 26 Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with
 27 burnt offering and whole burnt offering: then shall they offer bulls
 28 upon thine altar.

PSALM LII.—To the director Maschil, to David, when Doeg
 1 the Edomite came and told Saul, and said unto him,
 2 David is come to the house Ahimelech.—Why¹ boastest thou
 3 thyself in evil, O hero? The mercy of God *endureth* con-
 4 tinually.² Thy tongue deviseth mischiefs, O worker of deceit,
 5 like a sharp razor. Thou lovest evil more than good; *and*
 6 lying rather than to speak righteousness. Selah. Thou lovest
 7 all devouring words, O *thou* deceitful tongue. God shall
 8 likewise destroy³ thee for ever, he shall take thee away, and pluck
 9 thee out of *thy* dwelling place, and root thee out of the land of the
 10 living. Selah. The righteous also shall see, and fear, and shall laugh at
 11 him: Lo, *this is* the man *that* made not God his strength; but trusted
 12 in the abundance of his riches, *and* defied in his wickedness.⁴ But I
 13 *am* like a bushy olive tree in the house of God: I trust in the mercy
 14 of God for ever and ever. I will thank thee for ever, because thou
 15 hast done *it*: and I will wait in thy name; for it is good before thy
 16 saints.

¹ what.

² all day.

³ pull down.

⁴ mischief.

PSALMS LIII., LIV., LV.

PSALM LIII.—To the Director, upon Mahalath, Maschil, unto David.—A base one sayeth in his heart, *There is no God.* They are corrupt, they have done abominable iniquity, *there is none that does good.* The Eternal glanced down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, inquiring after God. They have all gone back they have *all* together become corrupt: *there is none that doeth good,* no, not one. Do the workers of iniquity not know this? they that eat up my people as *they* eat bread, and call not upon the Eternal. There were they in great dread, *where* no dread was: for God hath scattered the bones of him that encampeth *against* thee: thou hast put *them* to shame, because God hath scorned them. O that the salvation of Israel *were come* out of Zion! ¹ When God bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, *and* Israel shall be glad.

PSALM LIV.—To the director in stringed instruments, Maschil, unto David, when the Ziphim came and said to Saul, Doth not David hide himself with us?—Save me, O God, by thy name, and pronounce my judgment in thy strength. Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth. For strangers² are risen up against me, and terrible foes seek after my soul: they have not set God before them. Selah. Behold, God *is* my helper: the Lord *is* with them that uphold my soul. He shall return the evil unto mine opponents: in thy truth bring them to silence. From a free will I will sacrifice unto thee: I will acknowledge thy name, O Eternal; for *it is* good. For he hath delivered me out of every trouble: and mine eye hath seen *its desire* upon mine enemies.

PSALM LV.—To the director in stringed instruments, Maschil, unto David.—Give ear to my prayer, O God; and hide not thyself from my supplication. Attend unto me, and answer me: I err about|| in my lamentation, and groan. Because of the voice of the enemy, because of the oppression of *the* wicked: for they cause iniquity to alight upon me, and in wrath they are hostile to me. My heart quaketh within me; and the terrors of death are fallen upon me. Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, and shudder hath covered me. And I said, O that I had³ wings like the dove! *for then* would I fly away, and be at rest.⁴ Lo, *then* would I wander far off, *and* remain⁵ in the desert. Selah. I would make haste to my place of escape from a rushing wind and tempest. Destroy,⁶ O Lord, *and* divide their tongues: for I have seen violence and strife in the city. Day and night they go about it upon the ramparts thereof: iniquity also and trouble *are* in the midst of it. Mischief *is* in the midst thereof: oppression and guile depart not from its streets. For *it is* not an enemy *that* reproached me, that I should bear *it*: neither *is it* he that hates me *that* does magnify *himself* against me; that I should screen myself from him: But thou, a person of my station, my guide,⁷ and mine acquaintance. We who took sweet

¹ who will give from Zion Israel's salvation.

² laymen.

³ who will give me.

⁴ dwell.

⁵ pass the night.

⁶ swallow.

⁷ chieftain.

PSALMS LV., LVI., LVII.

15 counsel together, and walked unto the house of God with noise. Let
 16 death beguile them, and let them go down quick into *the* grave: for
 17 wickedness is in their abodes, *and* among them. As for me, I will
 18 call upon God; and the Eternal shall save me. Evening and
 19 morning, and at noon, will I pray and cry aloud:¹ and he shall
 20 hear my voice. He hath delivered my soul in peace from the on-
 21 slaught against me: for they were in numbers² against me. God
 22 shall hear and repay³ them, even he that abideth of old, Selah,
 23 them who have no changes, and therefore fear not God. He hath
 put forth⁴ his hands against such as *are* at peace with him: he hath
 profaned his covenant. The *words* of his mouth were smother than
 clouted milk, but onslaught *was* in his heart: his words were softer
 than oil, yet *were* they drawn swords. Cast thy burden upon the
 Eternal, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer⁵ the righteous
 to totter. But thou, O God, shalt bring them down into a deep
 pit:⁶ sanguinary and deceitful men shall not live out half their days.
 but I will trust in thee.

PSALM LVI.—To the Chief Musician upon Jonathelem-rechokim,
 1 Michtam unto David, when the Philistines seized him in Gath.—Be
 gracious unto me, O God: for a person panteth after me; he fighting
 2 daily oppresseth me. My adversaries pant the whole day; for many
 3 fight against me from on high. The very time⁷ I fear, I *yet* surely
 4 trust in thee. In God I will boast of his word, in God I have put
 5 my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me. Every day
 they wrest⁸ my words: all their thoughts *are* against me for evil.
 6 They gather themselves together, they hide themselves, they mark
 7 my steps, when they wait for my soul. Is their deliverance to be for
 8 iniquity! in wrath cast down peoples, O God. Thou tellest my
 wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: *are they* not in thy
 9 book? On the day I call, then shall mine enemies turn back: this
 10 I know; for God *is* for me. In God will I boast of *his* word: in the
 11 Eternal will I boast of *his* word. In God have I put my trust: I will
 12 not fear, what can man do unto me? Thy vows *are* upon me, O God,
 13 I will repay thanksgivings unto thee. For thou hast delivered my
 soul from death: *wilt* not *thou* keep my feet from slipping, that I may
 walk before God in the light of the living?

PSALM LVII.—To the director, Al-taschith, unto David, Michtam,
 1 when he fled from Saul in the cave.—Be gracious unto me, O God,
 be gracious unto me: for my soul taketh refuge in thee: yea, in the
 shadow of thy wings will I take refuge, until mischief be overpast.
 2 I will call unto my God most high; unto God that cometh to a con-

¹ utter sounds.

² in many.

³ answer.

⁴ sent.

⁶ give.

⁵ well of pit.

⁷ a day.

⁸ vex.

PSALM LVII., LVIII., LIX.

3 clusien over me. He shall send from heaven and save me ; he hath
disgraced him that pants after me. Selah. God shall send forth
4 his mercy and his truth. My soul is among lions : *and I lie even*
among them that blaze, *even* the sons of men, whose teeth *are* spears
5 and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword. Be thou exalted, O
6 God above the heavens ; *let* thy glory *be* above all the earth. They
have prepared a net for my steps ; my soul is bowed down : they
have digged a pit before me, into the midst thereof they are fallen
7 themselves. Selah. My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is
8 steadfast : I will sing and hymn. Awake up, my glory ; awake, O
9 psaltery and harp : I will stir up *the* morning dawn. I will hymn
thee, O Lord, among the peoples ; I will hymn unto thee among the
10 races. For thy mercy is great unto heaven, and thy truth unto the
11 sky. Be thou exalted, O God, above heavens ; *let* thy glory *be*
above all the earth.

PSALM LVIII.—To the Director, Al-taschith, unto David, a Mich-
1 tam.—Do ye mighty ones indeed speak righteousness ? do ye judge
2 uprightly, O ye sons of men ? Yea, in heart ye work iniquity ; ye
3 weigh the violence of your hands in the land. Wicked ones are
estranged from *the* womb : they go astray as soon as they are born,
4 utterers of falsehood. Their poison¹ is like the poison¹ of a serpent :
5 they are like a deaf adder *that* stoppeth its ear ; Which will not
hearken to the voice of whisperers, the cunning master of charms.
6 Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth : break out the grinders of
7 the lions' whelps, O Eternal. Let them melt away as waters *which*
flow off : when he bends his arrows let them be as cut in pieces.
8 As a snail let him melt as he passeth on : like the untimely birth of
9 a woman, which hath not seen *the* sun. Before your pots can feel
the thorns, fresh as well as scorched, let a whirlwind carry them
10 away. The righteous shall rejoice because he seeth vengeance : he
11 shall wash his footsteps in the blood of the wicked. So that a man
shall say, Verily *there is* fruit for the righteous : verily there is a God
judging on earth.

PSALM LIX.—To the Director, Al-taschith, unto David, Michtam ;
when Saul sent, and they watched the house to put him to death.—
1 Deliver me from mine enemies, O my God : defend me from them
2 that rise up against me. Deliver me from workers of iniquity, and
3 save me from sanguinary men. For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul :
mighty ones are gathered against me ; not *for* my transgression, nor
4 *for* my sin, O Eternal. Against the guiltless they run and make

¹ fury.

PSALMS LIX., LX.

5 preparations : awake to help me,¹ and behold. Thou therefore, O
 6 Eternal God of hosts, God of Israel, rouse thyself to visit all the
 7 nations ; be not gracious to any iniquitous traitors. Selah. They
 8 return at the evening, howl like the dog, and go round about *the*
 9 city. Behold, they belch out with their mouth : swords are in their
 10 lips : for who, *say they*, doth hear ? But thou, O Eternal, shalt
 11 laugh at them ; thou shalt have all nations in derision. *Because of*
 12 his strength will I wait upon thee : for God is my defence. The
 13 God of my mercy shall anticipate me : God shall let me see *my*
 14 *desire* upon mine adversaries. Slay them not, lest my people forget :
 15 move them about by thy force ; and bring them down, O Lord our
 16 shield. *For* the sin of their mouth *and* the words of their lips let
 17 them even be taken in their pride : and for imprecations and lies
 18 *which* they utter. Consume *them* in wrath, consume *them*, that
 19 they may not *be* : and let them know that God ruleth in Jacob unto
 20 the ends of the earth. Selah. And at the evening let them return ;
 21 *and* let them howl like the dog, and go round about *the* city. Let
 22 them wander up and down for meat, and pass the night although not
 23 satisfied. But I will sing of thy power ; yea, I will shout on account
 24 of thy mercy in the morning : for thou hast been a defence and
 25 refuge unto me in the day of my trouble. Unto thee, O my strength,
 26 will I sing : for God *is* my defence, *and* the God of my mercy.

PSALM LX.—To the Director over Shushaneduth, Michtam unto
 David, to teach ; when he strove with the Syrians of Mesopotamia
 and with the Syrians of Zobah, when Joab returned, and smote of
 1 Edom in the valley of salt twelve thousand.—O God, thou hast cast
 2 us off, thou hast burst forth upon us, thou hast been angry ; restore
 3 us. Thou hast made the earth to quake ; thou hast broken it : heal
 4 the breaches thereof, for it tottereth. Thou hast shown thy
 5 people hard things : thou hast made us to drink wine of reeling.
 6 Thou hast given an ensign to them that fear thee, that it may be
 7 lifted up because of truth. Selah. That thy beloved may
 8 be rescued ; save *with* thy right hand, and answer me. God hath
 9 spoken in his holiness ; I will exult, I will divide Shechem, and
 10 mete out the valley of Succoth. Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is
 11 mine ; Ephraim also is the strength of my head ; Judah is my law-
 12 giver ; Moab is my washpot ; on Edom will I cast out my shoe :
 13 Philistia, triumph thou because of me. Who will bring me into a
 14 fortified city ? who will lead me into Edom ? Not thou, O God,
 15 who hast cast us off ? and wilt thou, O God, not go out with our
 16 hosts ? Give us help from trouble : for vain is the help of man.
 17 Through God we shall do valiantly :² for he it is who shall tread
 18 down our enemies.

¹ towards me.

² force.

PSALMS LXI., LXII., LXIII.

PSALM LXI.—To the Director of stringed instruments, unto
 1 2 David.—Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer. From
 the extremity of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart
 3 languisheth; lead me to a rock *that* is higher than I. For thou hast
 4 been a shelter for me, *and* a tower of strength from an enemy. I will
 sojourn in thy tent for ever: I will shelter myself in the covert of
 5 thy wings. Selah. For thou, O God, hast heard my vows: thou
 6 hast given *me* the heritage of those that fear thy name. Thou wilt
 7 add days to *the* king's days: *to* his years as many generations. He
 shall abide before God for ever: O prepare mercy and truth, *which*
 8 may preserve him. So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever,
 that I may daily perform¹ my vows.

PSALM LXII.—To the Director over Jeduthun, a Psalm unto David.
 1 —Only upon God my soul waiteth: from him *cometh* my salvation.
 2 He only *is* my rock and my salvation; *he is* my defence; I shall not
 3 greatly totter. How long will ye imagine mischief against a man?
 will all of ye break down like a bent wall, a fence that is thrown down?
 4 They only consult to cast *him* down from his excellency: they are
 pleased with falsehoods: they bless with their mouth, but they execrate
 5 inwardly. Selah. My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my hope
 6 *is* from him. He only *is* my rock and my salvation: *he is* my de-
 7 fence; I shall not totter. With God *is* my salvation and my glory:
 8 the rock of my strength, *and* my refuge is in God. Trust in him at
 all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God *is* a
 9 refuge for us. Selah. Surely men of low degree *are* vanity, *and* men
 of a high degree *are* a falsehood, to be all together raised in a balance
 10 by a breath. Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in rob-
 11 bery; if riches² increase, set not your heart *upon them*. God hath
 spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power *belongeth* unto God.
 12 Also unto thee, O Eternal, *belongeth* mercy; for thou repayeth to
 every man according to his work.

PSALM LXIII.—A Psalm unto David, when he was in the desert of
 1 Judah.—O God, thou *art* my God; early will I seek thee: my soul
 thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a parched land and
 2 languishing where no water is. To contemplate thy power and thy
 3 glory, so *as* I have seen thee in the sanctuary. For thy mercy *is*
 4 better than life, my lips shall praise thee. Thus will I bless thee
 5 while I live, I will lift up my hands in thy name. My soul shall be
 satisfied as *with* marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise *thee*
 6 with jubilant lips: When I remember thee upon my couch, *and*
 7 meditate on thee in the *night* watches. Because thou hast been my

¹ repay.

² force.

PSALMS LXIII., LXIV., LXV.

8 help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I shout. My soul
9 followeth close after thee, thy right hand upholdeth me. But those
that seek my soul for destruction shall go into the lower parts of the
10 earth. He will deliver them over to the sword: they shall be a por-
11 tion for jackals. But the King shall rejoice in God; every one that
swareth by him shall glory: but the mouth of them that speak lies
shall be closed.

1 **PSALM LXIV.**—To the Director, a Psalm unto David.—Hear my voice,
O God, in my lamentation: preserve my life from dread of an
2 enemy. Screen me from the band of evil doers; from the insurrec-
3 tion of workers of iniquity: Who whet their tongue like the sword,
4 and bend their bow¹ to a bitter word: That they may shoot in secret
5 at the perfect: suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not. They
encourage themselves in an evil matter: they commune of laying
6 snares privily; they say, Who shall see them? They search out
iniquities, saying, We have accomplished a diligent search, even man's
7 inward and deep heart. Then God shot at them with an arrow;
8 suddenly were they wounded. So their own tongue was made to
fall² upon themselves: all that see them shall shake their heads.³
9 And all men feared, and declared the work of God, and they
10 wisely considered his doing. The righteous shall be glad in the
Eternal, and shall trust in him; and all the upright in heart shall
glory.

1 **PSALM LXV.**—To the Director, a Psalm unto David, a Song.—Unto
thee silence is praise, O God, in Sion: and unto thee shall a vow be
2 performed. O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.
3 Matters of iniquity prevail against me: as for our transgression,
4 thou shalt expiate them. O happiness of him whom thou choosest,
and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy
enclosures: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house,
5 holiness of thy temple. Fearful things in righteousness thou
wilt give us as answer, O God of our salvation, trust of all the
uttermost parts of the earth, of the sea, and those afar off.
6 Who by his strength establisheth mountains; being girded with
7 power: Who stilleth the roar of the seas, the roar of their
8 waves, and the tumult of races. They also that dwell in the utter-
most parts are afraid at thy signs: thou makest the outgoings of the
9 morning and evening to shout. Thou visitest the earth, and
waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it, the brook of God is full of
10 water: thou preparest them corn, for thus wilt thou provide it. Water
the ridges thereof abundantly: press down the furrows thereof: thou
11 makest it soft with showers: thou blessest the growth thereof.
Thou crownest the year by thy goodness; and thy paths drop
12 fatness. They drop upon the pasturages of a desert, and hills gird on
13 exultation. The flock clotheth pastures; and deep valleys wrap
themselves in corn; they shout for joy, they also sing.

¹ arrow. ² stumble. ³ themselves.

PSALMS LXVI., LXVII., LXVIII.

1 PSALM LXVI.—To the Director, a Song *and* Psalm.—Shout ye unto
 2 God, all ye lands: Sing forth the honour of his name: make his
 3 praise an honour. Say unto God, How terrible thy works! through
 the greatness of thy might shall thine enemies dissemble unto
 4 thee. All the lands shall prostrate themselves before thee, and shall
 5 sing unto thee; they shall sing *to* thy name. Selah. Go and see
 the operations of God: *he is terrible in his* doings towards the children
 6 of men. He turned *the* sea into dry land: they went through
 7 the river on foot: there did we rejoice in him. He ruleth by
 his power for ever; his eyes watch the nations: let not the re-
 8 bellious exalt themselves. Selah. O bless our God, ye peoples,
 9 and make the voice of his praise to be heard: Who holdeth our
 10 soul among the living, and suffereth¹ not our feet to totter. For
 thou, O God, hast proved us; thou hast refined us, as the
 11 refining of silver. Thou broughtest us into the hold; thou
 laidest affliction upon our loins. Thou hast caused the low to
 12 ride over our heads; we went through the fire and through the
 13 water; but thou broughtest us out to the abundance. I will
 go into thy house with burnt offerings: I will pay thee my vows,
 14 Which my lips have uttered,² and my mouth has spoken, when I was
 15 in the distress. I will offer unto thee burnt sacrifices of fatlings, with
 16 incense of rams; I will offer³ bullocks with goats. Selah. Come
and hear, and I will relate, all ye that fear God, what he hath done
 17 for my soul. I cried unto him with my mouth, and exaltation was
 18 under my tongue. Did I see iniquity in my heart, the Lord
 19 would not hear *me*: *But* verily God hath heard *me*; he hath
 20 attended to the voice of my prayer. Blessed *be* God, who hath not
 turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

PSALM LXVII.—To the Director of Stringed Instruments, A Psalm
 1 *and* Song. God will be gracious unto us, and bless us; *and* cause his
 2 face to shine upon us; Selah. That thy way may be known upon earth,
 3 thy salvation among all nations. Let peoples acknowledge thee, O
 4 God; let all peoples acknowledge thee. Let races rejoice and shout:
 for thou shalt judge peoples righteously, and guide races upon earth.
 5 Selah. Let peoples acknowledge thee, O God; let all peoples
 6 acknowledge thee, *Then* shall the earth give its produce; *and* God,
 7 *even* our God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; and all the ends
 of the earth shall fear him.

PSALM LXVIII.—To the chief Musician, to David, a Psalm *and*
 1 Song.—Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also
 2 that hate him flee before him. As smoke is driven away, *so* drive

¹ gave. ² opened wide. ³ make.

PSALM LXVIII.

them away : as the melting of wax before fire, *so* let wicked ones
 3 perish at the presence of God. But let righteous ones rejoice ;
 let them exult before God : yea, let them be jubilant in rejoicing.
 4 Sing unto God, sing praises to his name ; pave a way for him
 that rideth in the clouds ; in JAH, his name, *rejoice* and exult
 5 before him, A father of *the* fatherless, and a pleader for
 6 widows, God in his holy habitation. God setteth the lonely in
 houses : bringeth out those bound to prosperity ; but the rebellious
 7 dwell in a dry *land*. O God, when thou wentest forth before thy
 8 people, when thou didst march through *the* waste ; Selah : *The* earth
 shook, *the* heavens also dropped at the presence of God : Sinai itself at
 9 the presence of God, the God of Israel. Showers of abundance¹ thou,
 O God, didst send about ;² thine inheritance, when weary, thou didst
 10 establish. Thy band hath dwelt therein : thou, O God, hast
 11 prepared *it* in thy goodness for the poor. The Lord gave the word :
 12 numerous *was* the host of tiding bringers. Kings of hosts did flee
 13 apace : and the fair one of the house divided the spoil. When you lie
 between the folds, ye are *like* wings of a dove covered with
 14 silver, and her pinions with yellow gold. When the Almighty
 15 spread abroad kings in it, it was snowy as in Salmon, *As* in the moun-
 tain of God the mountain of Bashan ; a mountain of summits the
 16 mountain of Bashan. Wherefore do ye look sullenly, moun-
 tains of summits, *upon* the mountain *which* God desireth to
 17 dwell in, yea, *upon which* the Eternal will dwell for ever ? *The*
 chariots of God *are* two myriads, a thousand time thousands : the
 18 Lord *is* among them, *as* Sinai, among the holy places. Thou
 wentest up the height, thou capturedst captives : thou receivedst
 gifts in men ; yea, rebellious ones also, to settle *them*, Eternal
 19 God. Blessed *be* the Eternal ; day by day God loadeth upon us
 20 our salvation. Selah. The God *is* unto us a God of salvation ;
 21 and unto the Eternal Lord *belong* issues from the death. But
 God shall pierce the head of his enemies, *and* the hairy scalp of
 22 him that goeth on still in his guilt. The Lord said, I bring back
 23 from Bashan, I bring back from the depths of the sea : That thy
 foot may pierce through blood, *and* the tongue of thy dogs have its
 24 share of enemies. They have seen thy marches, O God ; *even* the
 25 marches of my God, my King, in the sanctuary. Singers went
 before, players on stringed instruments *followed* after ; in the midst
 26 of damsels playing with timbrels. Bless ye God in companies, *even*
 27 the Lord, *ye* of the fountain of Israel. There *is* Benjamin, the
 youngest leads them, the officers of Judah, in their variegated gar-
 28 ments, officers of Zebulun, officers of Naphtali. Thy God hath

¹ free will.

² wave.

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commanded thy strength : strengthen, O God, that which thou hast
 29 wrought for us, From thy temple over Jerusalem, *Where* Kings bring
 30 presents unto thee. Rebuke the beast of the reed, the multitude of
 bulls, among the calves of peoples, him that lets himself trample
 31 down for pieces of silver ; he scattereth people eager for fights. Mag-
 nates come out of Egypt ; Cush hasteneth to extend her hands unto
 32 God. Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth ; O sing praises
 33 unto the Lord ; Selah : To him that rideth upon the heavens of
 heavens, *which were* of old ; lo, he doth send out his voice, a voice
 34 of might. Ascribe ye might unto God : his excellency is over Israel,
 35 and his might *is* in the sky. O God, *thou art* terrible out of thy
 sanctuaries : the God of Israel *is* he that giveth might and power
 unto *his* people. Blessed *be* God.

1 PSALM LXIX.—To the Director of Shoshanim, unto David.—Save
 2 me, O God ; for the waters are come in unto *my* soul. I sink in deep
 mire, where *there is* no standing : I am come into deep waters,
 3 where the floods overflow me. I am weary of my crying : my throat
 4 is parched : mine eyes fail while I wait for my God. They that hate
 me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head : they that
 would destroy me, *being* mine enemies through lies, are mighty :
 5 then must I restore *that* which I took not violently. O God, thou
 knowest my foolishness ; and my trespasses are not hid from thee.
 6 Let not them that wait on thee, O Lord Eternal of hosts, be ashamed
 in me : let not those that seek thee be confounded in me, O God of
 7 Israel. Because for thy sake I have borne disgrace ; confusion hath
 8 covered my face. I am become estranged from my brethren, and an
 9 alien unto my mother's children. For the zeal of thy house hath eaten
 me up ; and the disgrace of them that reproached¹ thee is fallen upon
 10 me. And my soul wept in the fast, and it became a disgrace unto
 11 me. I made sackcloth also my garment ; and I became a proverb to
 12 them. They that sit in the gate talk against me ; and I *was* the
 13 song of the drunkards. But as for me, my prayer is unto thee, O
 Eternal, *in* an acceptable time : O God, in the multitude of thy
 14 mercy answer me, in the truth of thy salvation. Deliver me out of
 mire, and let me not sink : let me be delivered from them that hate
 15 me, and out of deep waters. Let not *the* waterflood overflow me,
 neither let *the* deep swallow me up, and let not a pit² shut her mouth
 16 upon me. Answer me, O Eternal, for thy mercy *is* good : turn unto
 17 me according to the multitude of thy compassion. And screen not
 thy face from thy servant ; for I am in distress : hasten, answer me.
 18 Draw nigh unto my soul, *and* redeem it : deliver me because of mine
 19 enemies. Thou hast known my disgrace, and my shame, and my

¹ disgraced. ² well.

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20 confusion: mine adversaries *are* all before thee. Disgrace hath broken my heart; and I am *sick*: and I looked *for some* to take pity, but *there were* none; and for comforters, but I found none.

21 In my refreshment they put poisonous herb; and in my thirst they
 22 gave me vinegar to drink. Let their table become a snare before
 23 them; and to the peaceful a trap. Let their eyes be darkened, that
 24 they see not; and make their loins continually to shake. Pour out
 thine indignation upon them, and let thy burning wrath overtake
 25 them. Let their castles be desolate: *and* let none dwell in their
 26 tents. For they persecute *him* whom thou hast smitten; and they
 27 talk of the pain of those whom thou hast pierced. Add¹ iniquity
 unto their iniquity: and let them not come into thy righteousness.

28 Let them be blotted out of the book of life, and not be written with
 29 the righteous. But I *am* poor and sorrowful: let thy salvation, O
 30 God, set me up on high. I will praise the name of God with a song,
 31 and will magnify him with thanksgiving. *This* also shall please the
 Eternal better than an ox *or* bullock that *is* horned *and* cloven
 32 hoofed. The humble shall see *this*, *and* be glad: and your heart
 33 shall live that seek God. For the Eternal heareth the needy, and
 34 scorneth not his fettered ones. Let heaven and earth praise him,
 35 seas, and everything that creepeth therein. For God will save Zion,
 and will build the cities of Judah: that they may abide there, and
 36 have it in possession. The seed also of his servants shall inherit it;
 and they that love his name shall dwell therein.

PSALM LXX.—To the director, to David, to bring to remembrance.—

1 Be pleased, O Eternal, to deliver me: O Eternal, make haste to help
 2 me. Let them be ashamed and turn pale together that seek after my
 soul to destroy it; let them be driven backward and confounded that
 3 wish me evil. Let them be turned back in consequence of their shame
 4 that say unto me, Aha, aha. Let all those that seek thee rejoice and
 be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The
 5 Eternal be magnified. But I *am* poor and needy; O God
 make haste to me: thou art my help and my rescuer; delay not, O
 my God.

PSALM LXXI.—In thee, O Eternal, do I trust: let me never be put to
 2 shame. Deliver me in thy righteousness, and rescue me: incline
 3 thine ear unto me, and save me. Be thou my rock residence, where-
 unto I may continually resort: *which* thou hast appointed to save
 4 me; for thou *art* my rock and my stronghold. Rescue me, O my
 God, out of the hand of the wicked, out of the hand of the
 5 unrighteous and violent. For thou *art* my hope, O Lord Eternal:
 6 *thou art* my trust from my youth. By thee have I been holden
 up from *the* belly: thou art he that took me out of my mother's
 7 bowels: my praise *shall be* continually of thee. I am as a
 8 wonder unto many; but thou *art* my refuge of might. Let my

¹ give.

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- mouth be filled *with thy praise and with thy glory* all the day.
- 9 Cast me not off in the time of old age ; forsake me not when my
10 strength faileth. For mine enemies speak against me ; and they that
11 watch for my soul take counsel together. Saying, God hath forsaken
12 him ; pursue and seize him ; for *there is none* to deliver him. O
13 God, be not far from me : O my God, make haste for my help. Let
14 them be ashamed *and* consumed that are adversaries to my soul ; let
15 them be wrapped *in* disgrace and confusion that seek my hurt. But
16 I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more. My
17 mouth shall declare thy righteousness *and* thy salvation all the day ;
18 for I know not the numbers *thereof*. I will come in the strength of
19 the Lord Eternal : I will make mention of thy righteousness, *even*
20 of thine only. O God, thou hast taught me from my youth and
21 until now have I declared thy wondrous works. Now also when I am
22 old and greyheaded, O God, forsake me not ; until I have declared thy
23 strength unto *this* generation, *and* thy power to every one *that* is to
24 come Thy righteousness also, O God, *is* very high, who hast done
25 great things : O God, who *is* like unto thee ? *Thou*, who hast shewed
26 me great and sore troubles, shalt quicken me again, and shalt bring
27 me up again from the depths of the earth. Thou shalt in-
28 crease my greatness, be turned and comfort me. I will also
29 thank thee with the psaltery, *for* thy truth, O my God : thee will
30 I hymn with the harp, O thou Holy One of Israel. My lips shall
31 shout when I hymn thee ; and my soul, which thou hast released.
32 My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long : for
33 they are ashamed, for they are confounded, that seek my hurt.
- 1 PSALM LXXII.—Unto Solomon.—Give the king thy judgments, O
2 God, and thy righteousness unto the king's son. He shall pronounce
3 judgment on thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with justice.
4 Mountains shall carry peace to the people, and hills, with righteous-
5 ness. He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children
6 of the needy, and shall crush the oppressor. They shall fear thee
7 as long as the sun and moon endure throughout all generations. He
8 shall come down like the rain upon mown grass : as heave showers *that*
9 water the earth. In his day shall the righteous flourish ; and abundance
10 of peace, until there be no moon. He shall have dominion also
11 from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth. Be-
12 fore him the tenants of deserts shall kneel down ; and his ene-
13 mies shall lick the dust. The kings of Tarshish and of maritime
14 settlements shall bring gifts : the kings of Sheba and Seba shall
15 offer presents. Yea, all kings shall prostrate themselves before him :
16 all nations shall serve him. For he shall deliver the needy when
17 he crieth for help ; the poor also, and *him* that hath no helper. He
18 shall spare the indigent and needy, and shall save the souls of the

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14 needy. He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and
 15 precious shall their blood be in his eyes. And he shall live, and to
 him shall be given of the gold of Sheba: prayer also shall be made
 16 for him continually; *and* daily shall he be blessed. There shall be
 abundance of corn in the earth, even upon the top of mountains; the
 fruit thereof shall shake like the Lebanon: and *they* of the city shall
 17 bud forth like grass of the earth. His name shall endure for ever:
 his name shall flourish before the sun: that they bless themselves
 18 with it, and all nations declare it happy. Blessed *be* the Eternal
 19 God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things. And
 blessed be his glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be
 20 filled *with* his glory; Amen, and Amen. The prayers of David the
 son of Jesse are ended.

1 PSALM LXXIII.—A Psalm unto Asaph.—Truly God is good to
 2 Israel, *even* to such as are of a pure heart. But as for me, my feet
 3 were almost gone;¹ my steps had well nigh slipped.² For I was
 4 envious of boasters, *when* I saw the prosperity³ of the wicked. For
 they have no pangs to their very death, and their strength is firm.
 5 They *are* not in trouble *as other* persons; neither are they plagued
 6 like *other* men. Therefore is pride their necklace; violence covereth
 7 them as a garment. Their eyes stand out with fatness; pass beyond
 8 the imaginings of the heart. They mock, and speak wickedly *con-*
 9 *cerning* oppression: they speak loftily. They set their mouth in the
 10 heavens, and their tongue walketh through the earth. Therefore
 his people return hither: and waters in abundance are wrung out
 11 to them. And they say, How doth God know? and is there know-
 12 ledge in the most High? Behold, these wicked ones, ever prosperous,
 13 attain riches.⁴ Verily I have cleansed my heart *in* vain, and washed⁵
 14 my hands in innocency. For all the day long have I been plagued,
 15 and my chastisement *came* every morning. If I say I will speak⁶
 like *them*; behold, I should be treacherous to the generation
 16 of thy children. When I thought to know this, it was *vain* trouble
 17 in my eyes; Until I came into the sanctuaries of God, and consi-
 18 dered their end.⁷ Surely thou didst set them in slippery places:
 19 thou castedst them down into destruction. How are they brought
 into desolation, as in a moment! they are utterly consumed with
 20 terrors. As a dream when *one* awaketh; *so*, O Lord, in awaking,
 21 thou shalt despise their image. For my heart was in an uproar, and
 22 I was pricked in my reins, When I was foolish and ignorant; and
 23 *as* a beast before thee. Nevertheless, I *am* continually with thee:
 24 thou hast laid hold *of me* by my right hand. Thou shalt guide me
 25 with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory. Whom have I
 in heaven *but thee*? and *there* is none upon earth *that* I desire

¹ inclined. ² shed. ³ ; ease. ⁴ force. ⁵ laved. ⁶ relate. ⁷ remoteness.

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26 beside thee. My flesh and my heart faileth : *but* God *is* the strength¹
27 of my heart, and my portion for ever. For, lo, they that are far
from thee shall perish : thou hast destroyed all them that go a
28 whoring from thee. But as for me, the vicinity of God is good for
me : I have put my trust in the Lord Eternal, that I may declare all
thy works.

1 PSALM LXXIV.—Maschil unto Asaph.—O God, Wherefore hast thou
cast *us* off for ever ? *why* doth thy wrath smoke against the flock of
2 thy pasture ? Remember thy congregation, *which* thou hast acquired
of old ; the rod of thine inheritance, *which* thou hast redeemed, this
3 mount Zion, wherein thou hast dwelt. Lift up thy steps unto the
perpetual desolations ; *even* all *that the* enemy hath done wickedly
4 in the sanctuary. Thine adversaries roar in the midst of thy ap-
5 pointed place ; they set up their signs *for* signs. He is prominently
6 known, like him that carried axes among the thicket trees. But
now they shatter the carvings thereof at once with hatchets and
7 hammers. They have set thy sanctuary on fire, they have defiled
8 *by casting down* the dwelling place of thy name to the ground.² They
said in their hearts, Let us depress them together : they have burned
9 up all appointed places of God in the land. We see not our signs :
there is no more any prophet : neither *is there* among us any that
10 knoweth until when.³ How long, O God, shall *the* adversary re-
11 proach⁴ ? shall the enemy scorn thy name for ever ? Wherefore
withdrawest thou thy hand, even thy right hand ? pluck *it* out of
12 thy bosom, consume *them*. For God *is* my King of old, effecting
13 deliverances in the midst of the earth. Thou didst cleave the sea
by thy might : thou breakest the heads of huge creatures in the
14 waters. Thou brakest the heads of leviathans, *and* gavest it to
15 *be* meat to people tenants of the desert. Thou didst cleave fountain
16 and brook : thou driedst up perennial rivers. *The day is* thine, *the*
17 night also *is* thine : thou hast prepared *the* luminary and sun. Thou
hast set all boundaries of the earth : thou hast formed summer and
18 winter. Remember this, *that* the enemy hath reproached,⁵ O Eternal,
19 and *that* a base people have scorned thy name. O give not the soul
of thy turtle-dove unto a beast : forget not the life of thy poor for
20 ever. Look at the covenant : for the dark places of the earth are full
21 of habitations of violence. O let not the crushed return confounded :
22 let the poor and needy praise thy name. Arise, O God, plead thine
23 own cause : remember thy reviling⁴ by the base the whole day.
Forget not the voice of thine adversaries : the tumult of those that rise
up against thee ascendeth continually.

PSALM LXXV.—To the director Al-taschith, A Psalm ; unto Asaph
1 a Song.—Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, *unto thee* do we give
2 thanks : for thy name is ^{hear}, thy wondrous works they declare. When
3 I shall occupy⁶ the appointed place I will judge uprightly. The earth
and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved : yet I bear up the pil-
4 lars of it. Selah. I said unto the boasters, Boast not : and to the
5 wicked, lift not up *the* horn : Lift not up your horn on high :

¹ frag. ² earth. ³ what. ⁴ disgrace. ⁵ disgraced. ⁶ take.

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6 speak *not with* a stiff neck. For elevation *cometh* neither from
7 the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God *is* judge:
8 he lowereth one, and raiseth another. For in the hand of the
Eternal *there is* a cup, and the wine foameth; it is full of mixture;
and he poureth out of the same: but the dregs thereof, all the wicked
9 of the earth shall wring *them* out, and drink *them*. But I will tell
10 for ever; I will hymn the God of Jacob. All the horns of the
wicked also will I beat off; *but* the horns of the righteous shall be
exalted.

PSALM LXXVI.—To the director of stringed instruments, a
2 Psalm unto Asaph, a Song.—In Judah *is* God known: his
name *is* great in Israel. In Salem also is his tabernacle,¹ and his
3 dwelling place in Zion. There brake he in pieces the arrows²
4 of the bow, shield, and sword, and war. Selah. Thou *art* re-
5 splendent *and* mighty, *coming* from mountains of prey. The
stout-hearted are spoiled, they have slumbered their sleep: and none
6 of the men of force have found their hands. At thy rebuke, O God
7 of Jacob, both chariot and horse are stupified. Thou, *even* thou,
art terrible: and who may stand before thee when once thy wrath *is*
8 *kindled*. Thou didst cause *the* sentence to be heard from heaven;
9 the earth feared, and was still. When God arose to judgment, to
10 save all the meek of the earth. Selah. Surely the fury of man shall
11 acknowledge thee: the remainder of fury thou girdest on. Vow, and
pay unto the Eternal your God: let all that are round about him
12 bring presents unto him that ought to be feared. He shall cut off
the spirit of leaders: *he is* terrible to the kings of the earth.

PSALM LXXVII.—To the Director of Jeduthun, unto Asaph, a Psalm.
1 —My voice *riseth* unto God, and I cry; my voice unto God, oh
2 give ear unto me. In the day of my trouble I inquired after the
Lord: my hand was stretched out³ in the night, and grew not
3 fatigued:⁴ my soul refused to be comforted. I remember God, and
4 groan: I meditate, and my spirit languisheth. Selah. Thou
5 layest hold of my eye-lids: I am disquieted and I cannot speak. I
6 have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times. I re-
member my song⁵ in the night: I meditate in my heart: and my
7 spirit made diligent search. Will the Lord cast off for ever? and
8 will he be favourable no more? Is his mercy clean gone for ever?
9 doth *his* promise fail for all ages? Hath God forgotten to be gra-
10 cious? hath he in wrath shut up his compassion? Selah. And I
said, Let it be my supplication, change *is in* the right hand of the
11 most High. I will remember the works of the Eternal; when I
13 remember thy wonders of old, Consider also of all thy work, and
13 meditate thy doings, *I say*: Thy way, O God, *is* in the sanctuary:
14 who *is so* great as God *as our* God? Thou *art* the God that doest

¹ booth.

² burning heat.

³ poured forth.

⁴ cold.

⁵ stringed instrument.

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15 wonders: thou hast made known thy might among the peoples. Thou
 hast with *thine* arm redeemed thy people, the sons of Jacob and
 16 Joseph. Selah. *The* waters saw thee, O God, *the* waters
 17 saw thee; they writhed, the depths also were agitated. Thick clouds
 poured out floods of water: the skies sent out a sound:¹ *thine* arrows
 18 also went about. The voice of thy thunder was in the whirlwind:
 lightnings lightened *the* world: the earth was agitated and quaked.
 19 Thy way *is* in the sea, and thy path in the great waters, and thy foot-
 20 steps are not known. Thou leddest thy people like the flock by the
 hand of Moses and Aaron.

1 PSALM LXXVIII.—Maschil unto Asaph.—Give ear, O my people, *to*
 2 my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open
 3 my mouth in a parable: I will utter subtle sayings of old: Which
 4 we have heard and known, and our fathers have related to us. We
 will not withhold *them* from their children, relating to a remote age
 the praises of the Eternal, and his might, and his wonderful works
 5 that he hath done. For he established a testimony in Jacob,
 and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fa-
 6 thers, that they should make them known to their children:
 That a remote age might know *them*, *even* children to be
 7 born; *who* should arise and relate *them* to their children: That
 they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God,
 8 but keep his commandments: And might not be as their fathers,
 a refractory and rebellious generation, a generation *that* prepared
 9 not their heart, and whose spirit was not stedfast with God. The
 children of Ephraim, *like* arrayed archers *that* turned back in the day
 10 of encounter, Kept not the covenant of God, and refused to walk in
 11 his law; And forgot his works, and his wonders that he had shewed
 12 them. Marvellous things did he in the sight of his fathers, in
 13 the land of Egypt, *in* the field of Zoan. He divided the sea, and
 caused them to pass through; and he made the waters to stand as a
 14 mound. In the day time also he led them with the cloud, and all
 15 the night with a light of fire. He clave crags in the desert, and gave
 16 *them* abundant drink as *out of* great depths. He brought
 liquids also out of a rock, and caused waters to run down like the
 17 rivers. And yet they continued to sin against him by rebelling
 18 against the most High in the drought. And they tried God in their
 19 heart by asking meat for their lust.² Yea, they spake against God;
 20 they said, Can God furnish³ a table in the desert? Behold, he smote
 a crag, and waters flowed, and brooks overflowed; can he give
 21 bread also? can he provide flesh for his people? Therefore the
 Eternal heard *this*, and was indignant: so a fire was kindled against
 22 Jacob, and wrath also came up against Israel; Because they believed
 23 not in God, and trusted not in his salvation: Although he had com-

¹ gave a voice. ² soul. ³ array.

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24 manded *the* skies from above, and opened the doors of heaven, And
 25 had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given of
 26 the corn of heaven. Bread of nobles did man eat: he sent
 26 them provisions to the full. He caused an east wind to blow¹
 in the heaven: and by his might he brought in a south wind.
 27 He rained flesh also upon them as the dust, and winged fowls
 28 like as the sand of seas. And he let *it* fall in the midst of
 29 their camp, round about their habitations. So they did eat, and
 30 were well satisfied: for he gave² them their own lust. They were
 not estranged from their lust, while their meat *was* yet in their
 31 mouths, The wrath of God came upon them, and slew the fattest
 32 of them, and cast upon their knees the youths of Israel. For all this
 33 they sinned still, and believed not in his wondrous works. There-
 fore their days did he consume in vanity, and their years in terror.
 34 When he slew them, then they sought him: and they returned
 35 and inquired early after God. And they remembered that God *was*
 36 their rock, and the most high God their redeemer. Nevertheless
 they did flatter³ him with their mouth, and they lied unto him with
 37 their tongues. For their heart was not right with him, neither were
 38 they steadfast in his covenant. But he, *being* full of compassion,
 forgave⁴ *their* iniquity, and destroyed *them* not: yea, many a time
 39 turned he his wrath away, and did not stir up all his fury. For he
 remembered that they *were but* flesh; a wind that passeth away, and
 40 cometh not again. How oft did they rebel against him in the
 41 desert, *and* grieve him in the waste! Yea, they turned back and
 42 tried God, and limited the Holy One of Israel. They remembered
 not his hand, *nor* the day when he released them from *the* adver-
 43 sary, How he had wrought⁵ his signs in Egypt, and his wonders in
 44 the field of Zoan: And had turned their rivers into blood; and
 45 their liquids, that they could not drink. He sent insects among them,
 46 which devoured them; and frogs, which destroyed them. He gave
 also their produce under the caterpillar, and their labour unto the
 47 locust. He destroyed⁶ their vines with the hail, and their sycomore
 48 trees with frost. He gave up their pasture also to the hail, and their
 49 cattle to hot thunderbolts. He cast upon them the fierceness of his
 anger, wrath, and indignation, and trouble, a band of evil angels.
 50 He levelled a path, for his wrath; he withheld not their soul
 51 from death, but gave their life over to the pestilence; And smote
 every firstborn in Egypt; the chief⁷ of *their* strength in the tents of
 52 Ham: But made his own people to go forth like the flock, and
 53 guided them in the desert like the drove. And he led them on safely,
 54 so that they dreaded not: but the sea covered their enemies. And
 he brought them to the boundary of his sanctuary, *even to* this moun-
 55 tain, *which* his right hand had acquired. And he drove out nations
 before them, and divided⁸ them an inheritance by line, and made the
 56 tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents. Yet they tried and pro-
 57 voked the most high God, and kept not his testimonies: But re-
 ceded, and dealt unfaithfully like their fathers: they were turned

¹ journey. ² brought. ³ persuade. ⁴ expiated. ⁵ put. ⁶ killed. ⁷ beginning.
⁸ caused to fall.

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58 aside like a deceitful bow. For they provoked him to anger with
 their high places, and moved him to jealousy with their graven
 59 images. When God heard *this*, he was wroth, and greatly scorned
 60 Israel. So that he forsook the tent of Shiloh, the tent *in which* he
 61 took his residence among men; And delivered his might into the
 62 captivity, and his glory into an adversary's hand. He gave his people
 63 over also to the sword: and was wroth with his inheritance. Fire
 consumed their youths; and their maidens were not given to marriage.¹
 64 Their priests fell by the sword; and their widows did not weep.
 65 Then the Lord awaked as one out of sleep, *and* like a hero that
 shouteth by reason of wine. And he beat his adversaries back: he
 67 made them a perpetual disgrace. Moreover he rejected the tent of
 Joseph, and chose not the tribe of Ephraim: But chose the tribe
 69 of Judah, the mount Zion which he loved. And he built his sanc-
 tuary like high *palaces*, like *the* earth which he hath founded for ever.
 70 He chose David also his servant, and took him from sheepfolds:
 71 From behind milch ewes he brought him to feed Jacob his people,
 72 and Israel his inheritance. So he fed them according to the in-
 tegrity of his heart; and guided them by the skilfulness of his hands.

1 PSALM LXXIX.—A Psalm unto Asaph.—O God, nations are come
 into thine inheritance; the temple of thy sanctuary have they defiled;
 2 they have laid Jerusalem on heaps. The dead bodies² of thy servants
 have they given *to be* food unto the fowls of the heaven, the flesh of
 3 thy saints unto the animals of the earth. Their blood have they shed
 like the water round about Jerusalem; and *there was* none to bury
 4 *them*. We are become a reproach³ to our neighbours, a scorn and
 5 derision to them that are round about us. How long, Eternal, wilt
 6 thou altogether be angry? shall thy zeal burn like fire? Pour out
 thy fury upon the nations that have not known thee, and upon king-
 7 doms that have not called upon thy name. For they have devoured
 8 Jacob, and laid waste his dwelling placè. O remember not against
 us former iniquities: hasten, let thy compassion anticipate us: for we
 9 are brought very low. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the
 glory of thy name: and deliver us, and expiate our sins, for thy
 10 name's sake. Wherefore should the nations say, Where *is* their
 God? let him be known among the nations before our eyes *by* the
 11 revenging of the blood of thy servants *which is* shed. Let the
 groaning of the prisoner come before thee; according to the greatness
 12 of thy arm preserve⁴ thou those that are appointed to die; And
 render unto our neighbours sevenfold into their bosom their revile-
 13 ment, wherewith they have reviled thee, O Lord. So we thy people
 and flock of thy pasture will give thee thanks for ever: we will declare
 thy praise from generation to generation.



raised.

² carrion.

³ disgrace.

⁴ let remain.

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PSALM LXXX.—To the director of Shoshannim-Eduth, unto
 1 Asaph, a Psalm.—Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou that ledest
 2 Joseph like the flock; thou that dwellest *between* the cherubim,
 3 shine forth. Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh stir up
 4 thy strength, and come *and* save us. Turn us again, O God, and
 5 cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved. O Eternal God of
 6 hosts, how long wilt thou be angry¹ against the prayer of thy people?
 7 Thou feedest them with the bread of tears; and givest them tears to
 8 drink in great measure. Thou makest us a strife unto our neigh-
 9 bours: and our enemies mock among themselves. Turn us again,
 10 O God of hosts, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.
 11 Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt: thou hast driven out the
 12 nations, and planted it. Thou clearedst *room* before it, and didst cause
 13 it to take root, and it filled the land. Mountains were covered with the
 14 shadow of it, and the boughs thereof *were like* cedars of God. She
 15 sent out her branches unto *the* sea, and her twigs² unto *the* river.
 16 Why hast thou *then* broken down her fences, so that all they who
 17 pass by the way do pluck her? The boar out of the wood does waste
 18 it, and the wild beast of the field doth feed upon it. Return, pray,
 19 O God of hosts: look down from heaven, and behold, and bear in
 20 mind this vino; And *the* vineyard which they right hand hath
 21 planted, and *the* branch³ *that* thou madest strong for thyself. *It is*
 22 burned with fire, *it is* cut down: they perish at the rebuke of thy
 23 countenance. Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand,
 24 upon the son of man *whom* thou madest strong for thyself. So will
 25 not we recede from thee: quicken us, and we call upon thy name.
 26 Turn us again, O Eternal God of hosts, cause thy face to shine; and
 27 we shall be saved.

PSALM LXXXI.—To the Director of the Gittith, unto Asaph.—
 1 Sing aloud unto God our might: make a joyful noise unto the God
 2 of Jacob. Take up a song, and bring a tabret, a pleasant harp
 3 with a viol. Blow a cornet in the new moon, at the full moon-tide,
 4 on the day of our festival. For this *was* a statute for Israel, *and* a
 5 law⁴ of the God of Jacob. This he ordained in Joseph *for* a testi-
 6 mony, when he went out through the land of Egypt: *where* I heard
 7 a language *that* I understood not. I removed his shoulder from
 8 a burden: his hands moved from off the basket. Thou calledst in
 9 the distress, and I rescued thee; I answered thee in the thunder's
 10 cover⁵: I proved thee at the waters of Meribah. Selah. Hear, O
 11 my people, and I will testify unto thee: O Israel, if thou wilt
 12 hearken unto me; There shall no strange God be in thee; neither
 13 shalt thou prostrate thyself before any strange god. *I am* the Eter-
 14 nal thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy
 15 mouth wide, and I will fill it. But my people would not hearken to my
 16 voice; and Israel would none of me. So I gave⁶ them up unto their
 17 own heart's stubbornness: *and* they walked in their own counsels.

¹ smoke.

² sucklings.

³ son.

⁴ judgment.

⁵ secrecy.

⁶ sent forth.

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13 Oh that my people would hearken unto me, *and* Israel would walk in
14 my ways! Yet a little and I would subdue their enemies, and turn
15 my hand against their adversaries. The haters of the Eternal would
dissemble unto him: but their time would endure for ever.
16 He would feed them also with the fat of wheat; and with honey out
of *the* rock¹ would I satisfy thee.

1 PSALM LXXXII.—A Psalm unto Asaph.—God standeth in the con-
2 gregation of the mighty²; in the midst of gods he judges. How
long will ye judge wrong, and accept the persons of the wicked?
3 Selah. Defend³ the lowly and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted⁴
4 and needy. Rescue the lowly and needy: deliver *them* out of the
5 hand of the wicked. They know not, neither will they understand;
6 they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth totter. I
have said, *Ye are* gods; and all of you *are* children of the Most
7 High. But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.⁵
8 Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit all nations.

1 PSALM LXXXIII.—A Song *and* Psalm unto Asaph.—Keep not thou
2 silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God. For,
lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted
3 up *the* head. They have taken craftily secret counsel against thy
4 people, and deliberated against thy hidden ones. They have said,
Come, and let us exterminate them from *being* a nation; that the
5 name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. For they have de-
liberated together with one consent, they made a covenant against
6 thee; The tents of Edom and Ishmaelites: of Moab and
7 Hagarenes; Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; Palestine with the
8 inhabitants of Tyre; Assur also is joined with them: they become
9 an arm of the children of Lot. Selah. Do unto them as *unto* Midian,
10 as *to* Sisera, as *to* Jabin, at the brook of Kison: They were destroyed
11 at En-dor; they became *as* dung for the ground. Make their nobles
like Oreb, and like Zeeb: yea, all their princes as Zebah, and as
12 Zalmunna, Who said, Let us take to ourselves the seats of God in
13 possession. O my God, make them like a whirlwind; as stubble be-
14 fore a wind. As fire burneth a wood, and as a flame setteth
15 mountains on fire; So pursue them with thy storm, and terrify them
16 with thy tempest. Fill their faces with ignominy; that they may
17 seek thy name, O Eternal. Let them be ashamed and troubled for
18 ever; yea, let them be put to shame, and perish: That *men* may
know that thou whose name alone *is* Eternal, *art* the most high over
all the earth.

PSALM LXXXIV.—To the Director of the Gittith, a Psalm unto
1 the sons of Korah.—How dearly beloved *are* thy dwellings, O Eter-
2 nal of hosts! My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth⁶ for the courts of

¹ crag.

² God.

³ judge.

⁴ poor.

⁵ officers.

⁶ famisheth.

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- 3 the Eternal: my heart and my flesh shout to the living God. Also
 a bird hath found a house and a swallow a nest for herself, where she
 may lay her young, *even* thine altars, O Eternal of hosts, my King
 4 and my God. O happiness of those that abide in thy house: they
 5 will be still praising thee. Selah. O happiness of the man whose
 might is in thee; in whose heart paths are towards thee; passing
 6 through the valley of Baca; They would change it into a fountain;
 7 *the* early rain would cover it with blessings; They go from force
 8 to force, appearing *at last* in Zion before God. O Eternal God of hosts,
 9 hear my prayer: Give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah, Behold, O God
 10 our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed. For a day in
 thy courts¹ *is* better than a thousand; I had rather stand on the
 threshold of the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of
 11 wickedness. For the Eternal God *is* a sun and shield; the Eternal
 will give grace and glory: no good *thing* will he withhold from them
 12 that walk uprightly. O happiness of the man that trusteth in thee,
 O Eternal of hosts.

PSALM LXXXV.—To the Director, unto the sons of Korah, a Psalm.

- 1 Eternal, thou hast been favourable unto thy land: thou hast
 2 brought back the captivity of Jacob. Thou hast borne the iniquity
 3 of thy people, thou hast covered all their sin. Selah. Thou hast
 taken away² all thine indignation: thou hast turned *thyself* from the
 4 fierceness of thy wrath. Turn us, O God of our salvation, and make
 5 void thy displeasure towards us. Wilt thou be angry with us for
 6 ever? Wilt thou draw out thy wrath from age to age. Wilt thou
 7 not turn *and* revive us: that thy people may rejoice in thee? Shew us
 8 thy mercy, O Eternal, and grant us thy salvation. I will hear what
 the Eternal God will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people,
 9 and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly. Surely his
 salvation *is* nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land.
 10 Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have
 11 kissed *each other*. Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteous-
 12 ness shall glance down from heaven. Yea, the Eternal shall give
 13 *that which is* good; and our land shall yield its produce. Righteous-
 ness shall go before him; direct³ his steps in the way.

1 PSALM LXXXVI.—A Prayer of⁴ David.—Incline thine ear, O Eter-
 2 nal, answer me: for I *am* poor and needy. Guard my soul; for I *am*

¹ enclosures.

² gathered.

³ set.

⁴ unto.

PSALMS LXXXVI., LXXXVII., LXXXVIII.

a saint: O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee.
 3 4 Be gracious unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto thee all day. Re-
 5 joyce the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my
 6 soul. For thou, Lord, *art* good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous
 7 in mercy unto all them that call upon thee: Give ear, O Eternal,
 8 unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications. In the
 9 day of my distress I will call upon thee; for thou wilt answer me.
 10 Among the gods *there is* none like unto thee, O Lord; and nothing
 11 like unto thy works. All nations whom thou hast made shall come
 12 and prostrate themselves before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy
 13 name. For thou *art* great, and doest wondrous things: thou *art*
 14 God alone. Teach my thy way, O Eternal; I will walk in thy
 15 truth: unite my heart to fear thy name. I will thank thee, O Lord
 16 my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore.
 17 For great *is* thy mercy towards me: and thou hast delivered my
 18 soul from the lowest pit, O God, proud ones are risen against me,
 19 and assemblies of violent *men* have sought after my soul; and have
 20 not set thee before them. But thou, O Lord, *art* a God full of com-
 21 passion, and gracious, long-suffering, and plenteous in mercy and
 22 truth. O turn unto me, and be gracious unto me; give thy might
 23 unto thy servant, and save the son of thy handmaid. Shew¹
 24 me a sign for good; that they who hate me may see *it*, and be
 25 ashamed: because thou, Eternal, hast helped me, and comforted me,

1 PSALM LXXXVII.—Unto the sons of Korah, a Psalm *and* Song.—Its
 2 foundation *is* in the mountains of holiness; The Eternal loveth the
 3 gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob. Glorious things
 4 are spoken of thee, O city of God. Selah. I will make mention of
 5 Rahab and Babylon to them that know me: behold Philistia, and
 6 Tyre, with Cush; this *man* was born there. But of Zion it is said,
 7 This and that man was born in it: and the highest himself shall
 8 establish it. The Eternal will count, when he writeth up peoples,
 9 this *man* was born here, Selah, As well the singers as the players
 10 on instruments; all my delights² are in thee.

PSALM LXXXVIII.—A Song *and* Psalm unto the sons of Korah, to the
 director, of Mahalath, for a Choral Song, Maschil unto Heman the
 1 Ezrahite.—O Eternal God of my salvation, I have cried day *and*
 2 night before thee: Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine
 3 ear unto my cry;³ For my soul is full of troubles: and my life
 4 draweth nigh unto *the* grave. I am counted with them that go down
 5 into *the* pit: I am as a man *that hath* no strength: Prostrate among
 6 the dead, like the slain that lie in *the* grave, whom thou rememberest
 7 no more: and they are cut asunder by thy hand. Thou hast laid
 8 me in the lowest pit, in darkness, in deeps. Thy fury lieth hard

¹ do.

² fountains.

³ shout.

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8 upon me, and thou hast afflicted *me with* all thy waves. Selah. Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me; thou hast made me an abomination unto them; *I am* shut up,^f and I cannot come forth.
 9 Mine eye languisheth by reason of affliction: ¹ Eternal, I have called
 10 daily upon thee, I have stretched out my hands unto thee. Wilt thou shew² a wonder to the dead? shall departed ones arise *and* thank
 11 thee? Selah. Shall thy mercy be declared in the grave? *or* thy
 12 faithfulness in the destruction? Shall thy wonders be known in the
 13 dark? and thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness? But as for me unto thee have I cried for help, O Eternal; and in the
 14 morning shall my prayer anticipate thee. Eternal, wherefore castest
 15 thou off my soul? screenest thy face from me? *I am* afflicted³ and ready to expire for quaking: *while* I bear thy terrors I am distracted.
 16 Thy fierce wrath passeth over me; thy terrors have cut me off.
 17 They surrounded me the whole day like the water; they compassed
 18 me about together. Lover and friend hast thou put far from me, *and* mine acquaintance *into* darkness.

1 PSALM LXXXIX.—Maschil unto Ethan the Ezrahite.—I will sing of the mercies of the Eternal for ever: with my mouth will I make
 2 known thy faithfulness from age to age. For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever: thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the
 3 very heavens. I have made⁴ a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant, Thy seed will I establish for ever,
 5 and build up thy throne for all ages. Selah. And heavens shall acknowledge thy wonders, O Eternal: thy faithfulness also in the
 6 congregation of holy ones. For who in the heaven⁵ can be compared unto the Eternal? *who* among the sons of the mighty can be
 7 likened unto the Eternal? God is most terrible in the counsel⁶ of
 8 holy ones, and feared above all *them that are* about him. O Eternal God of hosts, who *is* a strong Eternal like unto thee and thy
 9 faithfulness is round about thee? Thou rulest the surging of the sea:
 10 when the waves thereof arise thou stillest them. Thou hast crushed insolence, as one that is slain; thou hast scattered thine enemies with
 11 the arm of thy might. *The heavens are* thine, *the earth also is* thine: *as for* the world *and* the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them.
 12 *The north and the south*—thou hast created them: Tabor and Hermon
 13 shall shout in thy name. Thine *is the* arm with strength: mighty
 14 *is* thy hand, *and* high *is* thy right hand. Justice and judgment *are* the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before⁷ thy
 15 face. O happiness of the people knowing *the* joyful sound:⁸ they
 16 shall walk, O Eternal, in the light of thy countenance. In thy name

¹ poverty. ² do. ³ poor ⁴ cut. ⁵ sky ⁶ secret. ⁷ anticipate. ⁸ din.

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shall they rejoice all the day : and in thy righteousness shall they be
17 exalted. For thou *art* the splendour of their might : and in thy
18 favour our horn shall be exalted. For our shield belongs to the Eternal ;
19 and our King the Holy One of Israel. Then thou spakest in vision
to thy saint, and saidst, I have laid help upon a hero ; I have
20 exalted *one* chosen out of the people. I have found David my ser-
21 vant ; with the oil of my holiness have I anointed him : With whom
my hand shall be established : mine arm also shall strengthen him.
22 No enemy shall exact upon him ; nor a son of iniquity afflict him.
23 And I will beat down his adversaries before his face, and plague them
24 that hate him. But my faithfulness and my mercy *shall be* with him :
25 and in my name shall his horn be exalted. I will set his hand also
26 in the sea, and his right hand in the rivers. He shall cry unto me,
27 Thou *art* my father, my God, and the rock of my salvation. Also I
28 will make him *my* firstborn, highest to the kings of the earth. My
mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand
29 fast with him. His seed also will I make *to endure* for ever, and his
30 throne as the days of heaven. If his children forsake my law, and
31 walk not in my judgments ; If they profane my ordinances, and
32 keep not my commandments, Then will I visit¹ their transgression
33 with a staff, and their iniquity with afflictions. Nevertheless my
mercy will I not utterly take from him, nor make my faithfulness
34 to fail. My covenant will I not profane, nor alter the thing that is
35 gone out of my lips. Once have I sworn by my holiness if I lie
36 unto David. . . . His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne
37 as the sun before me. It shall be established for ever as the moon,
38 and the witness in the heaven is faithful. Selah. But thou hast cast
39 off and scorned, thou hast been wrath with thine anointed. Thou
hast abhorred the covenant of thy servant : thou hast profaned his
40 diadem *by casting it* to the ground. Thou hast broken down all his
41 hedges ; thou hast brought his fortresses to ruin. All that pass by
42 the way spoil him : he is a disgrace to his neighbours. Thou hast
set up the right hand of his adversaries ; thou hast made all his ene-
43 mies to rejoice. Thou hast also turned the edge of his sword, and
44 hast not made him to stand in the war. Thou hast made his lustre
45 to cease, and cast his throne down to the earth. The days of his
youth hast thou shortened : thou hast wrapped him in shame. Selah.
46 How long, Eternal ? wilt thou altogether hide thyself for ever, shall
47 thy fury burn like fire ? Remember my transitoriness : for what
48 futility thou hast created all men. What man liveth, and shall not
see death, shall rescue his soul from the hand of the grave ? Selah.
49 Lord, where *are* thy former mercies, *which* thou swarest unto David
50 in thy faithfulness ? Remember, Lord, the disgrace of thy servants ;

¹ bear in mind.

PSALMS LXXXIX., XC., XCI.

51 *how* I do bear in my bosom *the reproach of many peoples*. Where-
with thine enemies have reviled, O Eternal; wherewith they have
52 reviled the footsteps of thine anointed. Blessed be the Eternal for
evermore. Amen, and Amen.

1 PSALM XC.—A Prayer of Moses the man of God.—Lord, thou hast
2 been our dwelling place from age to age. Before mountains were
brought forth, or *the earth* and world travailed, even from everlasting
3 to everlasting, thou *art* God. Thou turnest man to destruction;² and
4 sayest, Return, ye children of men. For a thousand years in thine
eyes *are but* as yesterday when it is past, and *as* a watch in the night.
5 In the morning growing like the grass, thou overweldest them with
a flood, whilst they are in sleep. In the morning it flourisheth, and
7 groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth. For we
8 are consumed by thy wrath, and by thy fury are we troubled. Thou
hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret *sins* in the light³ of thy
9 countenance. For all our days are passed away in thy indignation:
10 we spend our years like an idle talk. The days of our years *are*
threescore years and ten, and if in strength fourscore years, yet *is*
their pride labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.
11 Who knoweth the might of thy wrath? for as thy indignation *should*
12 be the fear of thee. So teach⁴ *us* to number our days, that we bring
13 a heart of wisdom. Return, O Eternal, how long? and let it repent
14 thee concerning thy servants. O satisfy us in the morning with thy
mercy; that we may shout and rejoice all our days. Make us glad
according to the days *wherein* thou hast afflicted us, *and* the years
15 *wherein* we have seen evil. Let thy operations appear unto thy ser-
17 vants, and thy splendour unto their children. And let the pleasant-
ness of the Eternal our God be upon us: and establish thou the work
of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

1 PSALM XCI.—He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High
2 shall shelter himself under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of
the Eternal, *He is* my refuge and my stronghold: my God; in him will
3 I trust. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of a fowler,
4 *and* from a destroying pestilence. He shall cover thee with his
pinion, and under his wings shalt thou be safe: his truth *shall be thy*
5 shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for terror by night;
6 *nor* for the arrow *that* flyeth by day; *Nor* for pestilence *that*
walketh in thick darkness; *nor* for destruction *that* wasteth
7 at noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and a myriad at thy
8 right hand; *but* it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes
9 shalt thou behold and see the reward of wicked ones. Because thou,
O Eternal, art my refuge, the most High hast thou made thy habi-

¹ unto.

² crushing.

³ luminary.

⁴ make known.

PSALMS XCI., XICL., XCIII., XCIV.

10 ta on ; There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any affliction
 11 come nigh thy tent. For he shall give his angels charge over thee,
 12 to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in *their* hands,
 13 lest thou dash thy foot against the stone, Thou shalt tread upon a
 lion and adder : a young lion and dragon¹ shalt thou trample under
 14 feet. Because he delighteth me, therefore will I rescue him : I will
 15 set him on high, because he hath known my name. He shall call
 upon me, and I will answer him : *I will be* with him in trouble ; I
 16 will deliver him, and honour him. With long life will I satisfy him,
 and shew him my salvation.

1 PSALM XCII.—A Psalm *and* Song for the sabbath day. —*It is a good*
thing to give thanks unto the Eternal, and to hymn thy name,
 2 O most High : To tell thy mercy in the morning, and thy faithful-
 3 ness in the nights, Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon
 4 a psaltery ; upon a harp with a solemn sound. For thou, Eternal,
 hast made me glad through thy deed : I will triumph² in the works of
 5 thy hands. O Eternal, how great are thy works ! *and* thy thoughts
 6 are very deep. A brutish man knoweth not ; neither doeth a fool
 7 understand this. When wicked ones spring as grass, and when
 all the workers of iniquity do flourish ; *it is* that they shall be de-
 8 stroyed for ever : But thou, Eternal, *art most* high for evermore.
 9 For, lo, thine enemies, O Eternal, for lo, thine enemies shall perish ;
 10 all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered. But my horn shalt
 thou exalt like *the horn of* a buffalo : I shall drip with fresh oil.
 11 Mine eye also shall see *my desire* on mine antagonists, *and* mine ears
 12 shall hear *my desire* of evil doers that rise up against me. *The*
 righteous shall flourish like the palm tree : he shall increase like a
 13 cedar in the Lebanon. Those that are planted in the house of the
 14 Eternal shall flourish in the courts³ of our God. They shall still
 15 bring forth fruit in old age ; they shall be fat and flourishing ; To
 shew⁴ that the Eternal *is* upright : *he is* my rock, and *there is* no
 unrighteousness in him.

1 PSALM XCIII.—The Eternal reigneth, he is clothed with majesty ;
 the Eternal is clothed *therewith* ; he hath girded himself with might :
 2 the world also is established, tottereth not. Thy throne *is* established
 3 of old : thou *art* from everlasting. Rivers have lifted up, O Eter-
 nal ; rivers have lifted up their voice ; rivers lift up their roaring.
 4 Above the sound⁵ of many waters are mighty breakers of the sea,
 5 mighty *above them* is the Eternal on high. Thy testimonies are very
 sure :⁶ holiness becometh thy house, O Eternal, for the length of days.

1 PSALM XCIV.—O God of vengeance, Eternal, O God of vengeance,
 2 beam forth. Raise thyself, O judge of the earth : render a reward to

¹ huge creature.

² shout.

³ enclosures.

⁴ tell.

⁵ voices.

⁶ faithful.

PSALMS XCIV., XCV.

3 the proud. How long, O Eternal, shall wicked ones, how long shall wicked ones triumph? *How long* shall they utter *and* speak rough things? *and* all the workers of iniquity boast themselves? 5 6 They crush thy people, O Eternal, and afflict thine heritage. The 7 widow and stranger they slay, and murder fatherless ones. Yet they say, The Eternal shall not see, neither shall the God of Jacob 8 understand *it*. Understand, ye brutish among the people: and *ye* 9 fools, when will ye be wise? He that planted the ear, shall he not 10 hear? or he that formed the eye, shall he not see? He that chastiseth nations, shall not he reprove? *even* he that teacheth man 11 knowledge. The Eternal knoweth the thoughts of man, that they 12 *are* vanity. O happiness of the man whom thou chasteneth, O Eternal, and teachest him out of the law; To tranquillise him against 13 days of evil, whilst a pit is being dug for the wicked one. For the Eternal will not abandon his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance. But judgment shall return unto righteousness: and all 14 the upright in heart shall follow it. Who will rise up for me against evildoers? *or* who will stand up for me against workers of iniquity? 15 Unless the Eternal *had been* my help, yet a little, and my soul would 16 have dwelt in silence. When I said, My foot tottereth; thy mercy, 17 O Eternal, sustained me. In the multitude of my anxieties within 18 me, thy comforts delight my soul. Shall the throne of iniquity have 19 fellowship with thee, framing mischief against the law?¹ They band themselves together against the soul of righteous ones, and declare 20 guilty innocent blood. But the Eternal is my defence; and my God 21 is the rock of my refuge. And he shall bring upon them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; yea, the Eternal our God shall cut them off.

1 PSALM XCV.—O come, let us shout unto the Eternal: let us make a 2 joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come early before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him 3 with hymns. For the Eternal is a great God, and a great King 4 above all gods. In whose hand *are* the deep places of the earth: the 5 strength of mountains *is* his also. Whose is the sea, for he made it: 6 and his hands formed the dry *land*. O come, let us prostrate ourselves and bow down: let us kneel before the Eternal our maker. 7 For he *is* our God; and we *are* the people of his pasture, and the 8 flock of his hand, this very day, if ye will hear his voice. Harden not your heart, as at Meribah, *and* as *in* the day of Massah in the desert. 9 When your fathers tried me, proved me, and saw my work. 10 Forty years long was I displeased with *this* generation, and said, It is a people of an erring heart, and they have not known my ways: 11 Unto whom I swear in my wrath if they shall enter into my rest! . . . 1 PSALM XCVI.—O sing unto the Eternal a new song: sing unto the 2 Eternal, all the earth. Sing unto the Eternal, bless his name; announce

¹ a statute.

PSALMS XCVI., XCVII., XCVIII.

3 his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations,
 4 his wonders among all the peoples. For the Eternal *is* great, and
 5 greatly to be praised : he *is* to be feared above all gods. For all the
 6 gods of the nations *are* idols : but the Eternal made heavens. Glory
 and majesty *are* before him : might and splendour *are* in his sanctuary.
 7 Give unto the Eternal, O ye families of peoples, give unto the Eter-
 8 nal honour and might. Give unto the Eternal the honour *due unto*
 9 his name : bring an offering, and come into his courts. Prostrate
 yourselves before the Eternal in the beauty of holiness : writhe before
 10 him, all the earth. Say among the nations *that* the Eternal reigneth :
 the world also shall be established that it shall not totter : he shall
 11 pronounce judgment on peoples with uprightness. Let the heavens
 rejoice, and let the earth be glad ; let the sea thunder, and the fulness
 12 thereof. Let the field exult, and all that *is* therein : then shall all
 13 trees of the wood shout Before the Eternal : for he cometh, for he
 cometh to judge the earth : he shall judge the world with righteous-
 ness, and peoples with his faithfulness.

1 PSALM XCVII.—The Eternal reigneth ; let the earth rejoice ; let many
 2 maritime settlements be glad *thereof*. Clouds and thick darkness
are round about him : righteousness and judgment *are* the habita-
 3 tion of his throne. A fire goeth before him, and burneth up his ad-
 4 versaries round about. His lightnings enlightened the world ; the
 5 earth saw, and writhed. Mountains melted like the wax at the pre-
 sence of the Eternal, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
 6 The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.
 7 Ashamed be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves
 8 of idols : prostrate yourselves before him, all *ye* gods. Zion heard,
 and was glad ; and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of thy
 9 judgments, O Eternal. For thou, Eternal, *art* supreme above all
 10 the earth ; thou art exalted far above all gods. Ye that love the
 Eternal, hate evil : he preserveth the souls of his pious ones ; he de-
 11 livereth them out of the hand of wicked ones. Light is sown for
 12 the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the
 Eternal, ye righteous ; and give thanks at the remembrance of his
 holiness.

1 PSALM XCVIII.—A Psalm.—O sing unto the Eternal a new song ;
 for he hath done marvellous things : his right hand and arm of
 2 his holiness hath wrought for him salvation. The Eternal hath made
 known his salvation : his righteousness hath he revealed in the eyes
 3 of the nations. He hath remembered his mercy and his faithfulness
 towards the house of Israel : all the ends of the earth have seen the
 4 salvation of our God. Make a joyful noise unto the Eternal all the
 5 earth : break forth, and shout, and hymn. Hymn the Eternal
 6 with a harp ; with a harp, and the voice of a psalm, With trumpets
 and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the Eternal, the

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7 King. Let the sea thunder, and the fulness thereof; the world, and
8 they that dwell therein. Let rivers clap *their hands*: let mountains
9 shout together Before the Eternal; for he cometh to judge the
earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and peoples with
equity.

1 PSALM XCIX.—The Eternal reigneth—peoples are agitated: he sit-
2 teth *between* cherubim—the earth is moved. The Eternal is great
3 in Zion; and he is high above all the peoples. Let them acknow-
4 ledge thy name, O great and terrible one; holy is it; Also a
King's might, loving judgment. Thou dost establish equity, thou
5 executest judgment and righteousness in Jacob. Exalt ye the Eter-
nal our God, and prostrate yourselves at his footstool; *for* he is holy.
6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among them that
call upon his name; they called upon the Eternal, and he answered
7 them. He spake unto them in a column of cloud: they kept his
8 testimonies, and *the* statute *that* he gave them. Thou answerest
them, O Eternal our God: thou wast to them a forgiving God, though
9 avenging their deeds. Exalt the Eternal our God, and prostrate
yourselves at the mountain of his holiness; for the Eternal our God
is holy.

1 PSALM C.—A Psalm of thanksgiving.—Let the whole earth make a
2 joyful noise unto the Eternal. Serve the Eternal with gladness:
3 come before his presence with shouting. Know ye that the Eternal
he *is* God: *it is* he *that* hath made us, and his we are, his people and
4 the flock of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, *and*
into his courts with praise: acknowledge him, *and* bless his name.
5 For the Eternal *is* good; his mercy *is* everlasting; and his faithful-
ness *endureth* from age to age.

1 PSALM CI.—Unto David, a Psalm.—I will sing of mercy and judg-
2 ment: thee, O Eternal, will I hymn. I will behave myself wisely
in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within
3 my house in the uprightness of my heart. I will set no worthless
thing before mine eyes; I hate the doings of them that turn aside *it*
4 shall not cleave to me. A froward heart shall depart from me: I
5 will not know a wicked *person*. Whoso privily slandereth his fellow,
him will I cut off; him that hath a high look and a proud heart will
6 not I suffer. Mine eyes *shall be* upon the faithful *of the* land, that
they may abide with me: he that walketh in a perfect way, he shall
7 minister unto me. He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my
house: he that telleth lies shall not be established before my eyes.
8 Each morning will I cut off all the wicked *of the* land; that I may
exterminate all workers of iniquity from the city of the Eternal.

PSALM CII.—A Prayer for *the* afflicted,¹ when he languisheth, and
1 poureth out his complaint before the Eternal.—Hear my prayer, O
2 Eternal, and let my cry for help come unto thee. Screen not thy

¹ poor.

PSALMS CII., CIII.

face from me in a day *when* I am in trouble; incline thine ear unto
 3 me: in *the* day *when* I call, hasten, answer me. For my days pass
 4 away in smoke, and my bones are scorched as *on* a hearth. My heart
 is smitten, and withered like grass; so that I forget to eat my bread.
 5 By reason of the voice of my groaning my bones cleave to my skin.
 6 7 I am like a pelican of a desert: I am like an owl in ruins. I watch
 8 and am as a lonely bird upon a roof. Mine enemies revile me
 all the day; *and* they that are mad against me are sworn against
 9 me. For I have eaten ashes like the bread, and mingled my
 10 drink with weeping, Because of thine indignation and thine
 11 anger: for thou hast lifted me up, and cast me down. My
 days *are* like a shadow that declineth; and I wither like the
 12 grass. But thou, O Eternal, shalt endure for ever; and thy re-
 13 membrance from age to age. Thou shalt arise, *and* have mercy
 upon Zion: for it is time to favour her, an appointed time is come.
 14 For thy servants take pleasure in its stones, and favour the dust
 15 thereof. And nations shall fear the name of the Eternal, and all
 16 the kings of the earth thy glory, When the Eternal shall have
 17 built Zion, appeared in his glory, Regarded the prayer of the desti-
 18 tute, and not despised their prayer. This shall be written for a remote
 age, and a people which shall be created shall praise the Eternal.
 19 For he hath glanced down from the height of his sanctuary; from
 20 heaven did the Eternal behold *the* earth; To hear the groaning of a
 21 prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death; To declare the
 22 name of the Eternal in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem; When
 peoples are gathered together, and kingdoms to serve the Eternal.
 23 He weakened¹ my strength in the way; he shortened my days.
 24 I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst² of my days: thy
 25 years *are* throughout all ages Of old hast thou laid the foundation
 26 of the earth: and heavens *are* the work of thy hands. They
 shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old
 like the garment; as the vesture shalt thou change them, and they
 27 shall be changed: But thou *art* the same, and thy years shall have
 28 no end. The children of thy servants shall continue,³ and their seed
 shall be established before thee.

1 PSALM CIII.—Unto David.—Bless the Eternal, O my soul, and my
 2 innermost *bless* his holy name. Bless the Eternal, O my soul, and
 3 forget not all his benefits:⁴ Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who
 4 healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from the pit; who
 5 crowneth thee with mercy and compassion; Who satisfieth thy
 mouth with the good *things*; *so that* thy youth is renewed like the
 6 eagle's. The Eternal executeth righteousness and judgment for all
 7 that are oppressed. He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts

¹ afflicted.

² half.

³ dwell.

⁴ requitals.

PSALMS CIII., CIV.

8 unto the children of Israel. The Eternal *is* merciful and gracious,
 9 slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. He will not chide¹ in perpetuity: neither will he keep *his anger* for ever. He hath not done to us
 10 according to our sins; nor requited us according to our iniquities. For as *the* heaven is high above the earth, *so* prevaieth his mercy over
 11 them that fear him. As far as the east is from the west, *so* far hath he removed our transgressions from us. Like as a father compassionateth *his* children, *so* the Eternal compassionateth them that fear
 12 him. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we *are* dust.
 13 *As for* man, his days *are* as the grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. For a wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the
 14 place thereof shall know it no more. But the mercy of the Eternal *is* from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his
 15 righteousness unto children's children; To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his charges to do them. The Eternal
 16 hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all. Bless the Eternal, ye his angels,² heroes of strength, that
 17 do his word, hearkening unto the voice of his word. Bless ye the Eternal, all *ye* his hosts; *ye* ministers of his, that do his pleasure.
 18 Bless the Eternal, all his works in all places of his dominion: Bless the Eternal, O my soul.

1 PSALM CIV.—Bless the Eternal, O my soul. O Eternal my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty. Who wrappest *thyself* in light as *in* the garment: who stretchest out³
 2 heavens like the curtain: Who layeth the beams of his upper chambers in the waters: who maketh thick clouds his chariot: who walk-
 3 eth upon wind's wings: Who maketh his winds his messengers; his ministers a flaming fire: Founded the earth on its bases,⁴ *that* it
 4 should not totter for ever. Thou coveredst it with *the* deep as *with* the garment: waters stood above mountains. At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away,
 5 Rise *like* mountains, descend *like* deep valleys unto a place which thou hast founded for them. Thou hast set a bound that they may
 6 not pass over; that they turn not again to cover the earth. He sendeth forth springs into the brooks, *which* run between mountains. They
 7 give drink to every animal of the field: wild asses quench⁵ their thirst. Over them dwell the fowls of the heaven; they let their voice resound⁶
 8 from between *the* foliage. He watereth mountains from his upper chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works. He causeth grass to grow for the beasts, and herb for the service of man:
 9 to bring forth bread out of the earth; And wine *that* maketh glad the heart of man, *and* oil to make *his* face to shine, and bread *which*
 10 sustaineth man's heart. The trees of the Eternal satisfy themselves; the cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted; Where birds

¹ quarrel.

² messengers.

³ inclinest.

⁴ dwelling place.

⁵ break.

⁶ give.

PSALMS CIV., CV.

18 make their nests: *as for* the stork, cypresses *are* its house. High mountains *are* a refuge for the wild goats; *and* rocks for the conies.
 19 He made *the* moon for appointed seasons: *the* sun knoweth his going
 20 down. Thou makest darkness, and it is night: wherein all animals
 21 of the forest do creep *forth*. The young lions roar after their prey,
 22 and seek their meat from God. The sun ariseth, they gather them-
 23 selves together, and crouch in their dens.¹ Man goeth forth unto
 24 his labour and to his labour until evening. O Eternal, how manifold
 are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full
 25 of thy possessions. This, the sea—great and wide—in it are things
 26 creeping without number, both small and great animals. There go ships,
 27 leviathan which thou hast formed to sport therein. These wait all upon
 28 thee; that thou mayest give *them* their meat in due season. *That*
 thou givest them they gather: thou openest thy hand, they are filled
 29 with good. Thou screenest thy face, they are troubled: thou takest
 30 away their breath,² they expire, and return to their dust. Thou
 sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face
 31 of *the* ground. The glory of the Eternal shall endure for ever: the
 32 Eternal shall rejoice in his works. He looketh on the earth, and it
 33 trembleth: he toucheth the mountains, and they smoke. I will sing
 unto the Eternal as long as I live: I will hymn my God while I
 34 have my being. May my meditation be pleasing unto him: I will be
 35 glad in the Eternal. Let sinners be consumed out of the earth, and
 let wicked ones be no more. Bless thou the Eternal, O my soul.
 Praise ye the Eternal.

1 PSALM CV.—O give thanks unto the Eternal; call upon his name:
 2 make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing unto him, hymn
 3 him: talk ye of all his marvellous works. Glory ye in the name
 of his holiness: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Eternal.
 4 5 Seek³ the Eternal, and his might: seek his face evermore. Re-
 member his marvellous works that he hath done; his wonders, and
 5 the judgments of his mouth; O ye seed of Abraham his servant, ye
 7 children of Jacob his chosen. He *is* the Eternal our God: his judg-
 8 ments *are* in all the earth. He hath remembered his covenant for
 9 ever, the word *which* he commanded to a thousand ages. Which
 10 *covenant* he made with Abraham, and his oath unto Isaac; And con-
 firmed the same unto Jacob for a statute, *and* to Israel *for* an ever-
 11 lasting covenant: Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan,
 12 the lot of your inheritance: When they were *but* a few men in num-
 ber, scantily sojourning in it, When they went about from nation to
 14 nation, from *one* kingdom to another people; He suffered no man
 15 to do them wrong: yea, he reproveth kings for their sakes; *Saying*,
 16 Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm. Moreover
 he called for a famine upon the land: he brake the whole staff of

¹ habitations.

² spirit.

³ inquire.

PSALMS CV., CVI.

17 bread. He sent a man before them, *even Joseph, who* was sold for a
 18 servant: Whose feet they hurt with the fetter: he¹ was laid in iron:
 19 Until the time that his word came: the saying of the Eternal refined
 20 him. The king sent and loosed him; *even* the ruler of the people,
 21 and let him go free. He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all
 22 his substance: To bind his officers at his pleasure; and teach his
 23 elders wisdom. Israel also came into Egypt; and Jacob sojourned
 24 in the land of Ham. And he increased his people greatly; and made
 25 them mighty above their adversaries. He turned their heart to hate
 26 his people, to conspire against his servants. He sent Moses his
 27 servant; *and* Aaron whom he had chosen. They shewed² his signs
 28 among them, and wonders in the land of Ham. He sent darkness,
 29 made it dark; and they rebelled not against his word. He turned
 30 their waters into blood, and caused their fish to die. Their land
 brought forth frogs in abundance, in the chambers of their kings.
 31 He spake, and there came insects, *and* gnats in all their boundaries.
 32 He gave them hail for their rain, *and* flaming fire in their land.
 33 He smote their vines also and their fig trees; and brake the trees of
 34 their boundaries. He said, and locusts came, and caterpillars, and
 35 that without number, And did eat up all herbs in their land, and
 36 ate the fruit of their ground. He smote also all the firstborn in their
 37 land, the chief of all their strength. He brought them forth also
 with silver and gold, and *there was* none stumbling among their
 38 tribes. Egypt was glad when they departed; for the dread of them
 39 fell upon them. He spread a cloud for a covering; and fire to give
 40 light in the night. *The people* asked, and he brought quails, and
 41 satisfied them with the bread of heaven. He opened a rock, and
 42 waters flowed; they ran in the dry places *like* a river. For he re-
 43 membered the word of his holiness, *and* Abraham his servant. And
 he brought forth his people with joy, *and* his chosen with shouting:
 44 And gave them the lands of nations: and they inherited the labour
 46 of races; That they might observe his statutes, and keep his laws.
 Praise ye the Eternal.

1 PSALM CVI.—Praise ye the Eternal. O give thanks unto the Eter-
 2 nal; for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever. Who can utter
 the mighty acts of the Eternal? *who* can show forth³ all his praise?
 3 O happiness of them that keep judgment, *and* of him that doeth
 4 righteousness at all times. Remember me, O Eternal, with the
 favour *that thou bearest* unto thy people: O bear me in mind with
 5 thy salvation; That I may see the good of thy chosen, that I may
 rejoice in the gladness of thy nation, that I may glory with thine
 6 inheritance. We have sinned with our fathers, we have committed
 7 iniquity, we have done wickedly. Our fathers in Egypt considered
 not thy wonders; they remembered not the multitude of thy mer-
 8 cies; but were rebellious at *the sea*, *even* at the Red Sea.⁴ Never-
 theless, he saved them for his name's sake, to make known his

¹ his soul.

² put.

³ make hear.

⁴ sea of flags.

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9 mighty power. He rebuked the Red Sea¹ also, and it was dried up: so he led them through the depths, as through the desert.
10 And he saved them from the hand of a hater, and redeemed them
11 from the hand of an enemy. And waters covered their adversaries:
12 there was not one of them left. Then believed they his words; they
13 sang his praise. They soon forgot his works; they waited not for
14 his counsel: But lusted exceedingly in the desert, and tried God in
15 the waste. And he gave them their request; but sent leanness into
16 their soul. They envied Moses also in the camp, *and* Aaron the saint
17 of the Eternal. The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan, and
18 covered the assembly of Abiram. And a fire was kindled in their
19 assembly; a flame burned up wicked ones. They made a calf in
20 Horeb, and prostrated themselves before a molten image. Thus they
changed their glory into the similitude of an ox that eateth grass.
21 They forgot God their saviour, who had done great things in Egypt;
22 Wondrous works in the land of Ham, *and* terrible things by the Red
23 sea.¹ Therefore he said that he would exterminate them, had not
Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, to turn away his
24 fury from destroying. Yea, they despised a land of pleasantness;
25 they believed not his word: But murmured in their tents, *and*
26 hearkened not unto the voice of the Eternal. Therefore he lifted up
27 his hand against them, to overthrow them in the desert: To overthrow
their seed also among the nations, and to scatter them in the lands.
28 They were attached also unto Baal-peor, and ate sacrifices of the
29 dead. Thus they provoked *him* to anger with their performances:
30 and a plague burst in upon them. Then stood up Phinehas, and
31 did execution: and *so* the pestilence was stayed. And that was
32 counted unto him for righteousness unto all ages for evermore. They
angered *him* also at the waters of strife, so that it went ill with Moses
33 for their sakes: Because they provoked his spirit, so that he spake
34 unadvisedly with his lips. They did not exterminate the peoples,
35 concerning whom the Eternal commanded² them: But were mingled
36 among the nations, and learned their works. And they served their
37 idols: which were a snare unto them. Yea, they sacrificed their
38 sons and their daughters unto the demons. And shed innocent blood,
even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed
unto the idols of Canaan: and the land was polluted with the
39 blood. Thus were they defiled with their own works, and went a
40 whoring with their own performances. Therefore the wrath of the
Eternal glowed against his people, insomuch that he abhorred his
41 own inheritance. And he gave them into the hand of nations; and
42 they that hated them ruled over them. Their enemies also oppressed
them, and they were brought into subjection under their hand.
43 Many times did he deliver them; but they provoked *him* with their

¹ sea of flags

² said.

PSALMS CVI., CVII.

44 counsel, and were brought low for their iniquity. Nevertheless he
 45 regarded their affliction, when he heard their cry: And he remem-
 bered for them his covenant, and repented according to the multitude
 46 of his mercies. He made them also to be pitied of all those that car-
 47 ried them captives. Save us, O Eternal our God, and gather us from
 among the nations, to give thanks unto the name of thy holiness, *and*
 48 to triumph in thy praise. Blessed *be* the Eternal God of Israel, from
 everlasting to everlasting: and all the people said, Amen. Praise
 ye the Eternal.

1 PSALM CVII.—O give thanks unto the Eternal: for *he is* good: for
 2 his mercy *endureth* for ever. Let the redeemed of the Eternal say
 3 *so*, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of an adversary; And
 gathered them out of lands, from east, and from west, from north,
 4 and from *the* sea. They wandered in the desert, in a solitary
 5 way; they found no city of habitation. Hungry and thirsty, their
 6 soul fainted in them. Then they cried unto the Eternal in their
 7 trouble, *and* he delivered them out of their straits. And he led them
 forth by a straight way, that they might go to a city of habitation.
 8 Oh that *men* would praise the Eternal *for* his goodness, and *for* his
 9 wonderful works to the children of men! For he satisfieth a longing
 10 soul, and filleth a hungry soul with goodness. They that sit in dark-
 ness and in the shadow of death, *being* bound in affliction and iron;
 11 Because they rebelled against the words of God, and contemned the
 12 counsel of the Most High: So that he humbled their heart with
 13 trouble, *so that* they stumbled and *there was* none to help, And
 cried unto the Eternal in their distress, *so that* he should save them
 14 out of their straits, *That* he should bring them out of darkness and
 15 the shadow of death, and loosen their bands—Let them give thanks
 to the Eternal *for* his mercy, and for his wonderful works to the
 16 children of men! For he hath broken the doors of copper, and cut
 17 the bars of iron in sunder. Fools, because of the way of their trans-
 18 gression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted. Their soul ab-
 horreth all manner of meat; and they draw near unto the gates of
 19 death. Then they cry unto the Eternal in their distress, *and* he
 20 saveth them out of their straits, Sendeth his word, and healeth them,
 21 and delivereth *them* from their destructions. Let them give thanks
 unto the Eternal for his mercy, and *for* his wonderful works to the
 22 children of men! And let them sacrifice sacrifices of thanksgivings,
 23 and relate his works with shouting. They that go down to the sea
 24 in ships, that perform labour in great¹ waters; These see the works
 25 of the Eternal, and his wonders *in the* deep. He saith and causeth
 26 A storm wind to subside, *he saith* and it raiseth the wave thereof.
 They rise to *the* heaven, sink down again to *the* depths: their soul
 27 melted because of evil. They reel to and fro, and stagger like the
 28 drunken man, and are at their wit's end.² Then they cry unto the
 Eternal in their distress, and he bringeth them out of their straits.
 29 He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.

¹ many.

² their wisdom is swallowed.

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30 Then are they glad because they are quiet; so he guideth them unto
 31 their desired haven. Let them thank the Eternal *for* his goodness,
 32 and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men! Let them exalt
 him also in the peoples' assembly, and praise him in the seat
 33 of elders. He turneth rivers into a desert, and watersprings into dry
 34 ground; A fruitful land into saltiness, for the wickedness of them
 35 that dwell therein. He turneth a desert into a pond of water, and
 36 dry ground into watersprings. And there he maketh hungry ones to
 37 dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation; And sow fields,
 38 and plant vineyards, which may yield¹ fruits of increase. He blesseth
 them also, so that they are multiplied greatly; and suffereth not their
 39 beasts to decrease. Pouring contempt upon nobles, he led them in
 40 pathless wastes. They diminish and sink low through restraint, evil,
 41 and sorrow. Yet setteth he the poor on high from affliction, and
 42 maketh *him* families like a flock. The upright shall see *it*, and re-
 43 joice: and all iniquity shall stop its mouth. Whoso *is* wise, will
 observe these things, and consider the mercies of the Eternal.

1 PSALM CVIII.—A Song *and* Psalm unto David.—O God, my heart
 2 is fixed; I will sing and hymn, even with my glory. Awake, psal-
 3 tery and harp: I will awake *the* morning dawn. I will thank thee,
 O Eternal, among the peoples: and I will hymn thee among the
 4 races. For thy mercy *is* great above *the* heavens: and thy truth
 5 *reacheth* unto *the* skies. Be thou exalted, O God, above *the* heavens:
 6 and thy glory above all the earth; That thy beloved may be de-
 7 livered: save *with* thy right hand, and answer me. God hath spoken
 in his holiness, I will exult, I will divide Shechem, and mete out
 8 the valley of Succoth. Gilead *is* mine; Manasseh *is* mine; Ephraim
 9 also *is* the strength of my head; Judah *is* my lawgiver; Moab *is*
 my washpot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe; over Philistia will
 10 I triumph. Who will bring me into *the* fortified city? who will lead
 11 me into Edom? *Wilt* not *thou*, O God, *who* hast cast us off? and
 12 wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts? Give us help from
 13 trouble: for vain *is* the help of man. Through God we shall do
 valiantly:² for he *it is that* shall tread down our adversaries.

1 PSALM CIX.—To the Director, unto David, a Psalm.—Hold not thy
 2 peace, O God of my praise; For the mouth of *the* wicked and the
 mouth of cunning are opened against me: they have spoken
 3 against me with a lying tongue. They compassed me about also with
 4 words of hatred; and fought against me without a cause. For my love
 5 they are adversaries to me, but I *give myself* unto prayer. And they

¹ make.

² force.

PSALMS CIX., CX.

6 have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love. Set thou a
 7 wicked *man* over him : let a hinderer stand at his right hand. When
 he shall be judged, let him go forth condemned :¹ and let his prayer be-
 8 9 come sin. Let his days be few ; *and* let another take his office. Let
 10 his children be fatherless, and his wife a widow. Let his children
 continually wander about, and beg :² let them seek *their bread*
 11 also out of their desolate places. Let *the* creditor ensnare all
 12 that he hath ; and let strangers spoil his labour. Let there
 be none to extend mercy unto him : neither let there be any
 13 to favour his fatherless children. Let his posterity³ be cut off ;
and in the generation following let their name be blotted out.
 14 Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered with the Eternal ; and
 15 let not the sin of his mother be blotted out. Let them be before
 the Eternal continually, that he may cut off the memory of them
 16 from the earth. Because that he remembered not to shew⁴ mercy,
 but persecuted *the* poor and needy man, and the broken-hearted to the
 17 very death. As he loved cursing, so let it come unto him : as he de-
 18 lighted not in blessing, so let it be far from him. As he clothed
 himself with cursing like as with his garment, so let it come into his
 19 bowels like the water, and like the oil into his bones. Let it be unto
 him as the garment *which* covereth *him*, and for a girdle wherewith
 20 he is girded continually. *Let this be* the reward of mine adversaries
 21 from the Eternal, and of them that speak evil against my soul. But
 do thou for me, O Eternal Lord, for thy name's sake : because thy
 22 mercy *is* good, deliver thou me. For I *am* poor and needy, and my
 23 heart is wounded within me. I am gone like the shadow when it de-
 24 clineth : I am shaken off as the locust. My knees stumble through
 25 fasting ; and my flesh faileth of fatness. I became also a reproach
 unto them : *when* they looked upon me they shook their heads.
 26 Help me, O Eternal my God : O save me according to thy mercy :
 27 That they may know that this *is* thy hand ; that thou, Eternal, hast
 28 done it. Let them curse, but bless thou : when they arise, let them
 29 be ashamed ; but let thy servant rejoice. Let mine adversaries be
 clothed with confusion, and let them cover themselves with their own
 30 shame, as with a mantle. I will greatly thank the Eternal with my
 31 mouth ; yea, I will praise him among many. For he shall stand at
 the right hand of *the* needy, to save him from those that judge his
 soul.

1 PSALM CX.—Unto David, a Psalm.—Declaration of the Eternal unto
 my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy
 2 footstool. The Eternal shall send the staff of thy might out of Zion :
 3 rule thou in the midst of thine enemies ; *In the midst of* thy people
 with noble-mindedness in the day of thy power,⁵ in the splendours of
 4 holiness, select from *the* womb, thine is the dew of thy youth. The
 Eternal hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou *art* a priest for ever,
 5 my king *in* righteousness by my word. The lord at thy right hand
 6 shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath. He shall pro-
 nounce judgment among the nations, full of dead bodies ; he shall

¹ wicked.

² ask.

³ remoteness.

⁴ do.

⁵ force.

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7 strike through *the* head on a vast land. He shall drink of a brook in the way : therefore shall he lift up his head.

1 PSALM CXI.—Praise ye the Eternal. I will thank the Eternal with *my* whole heart, in the assembly of upright ones, and *in* a congregation. The works of the Eternal *are* great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein. Magnificence and splendour are his deeds : 4 and his righteousness endureth for ever. He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered :¹ the Eternal is gracious and full of 5 compassion. He hath given meat² unto them that fear him : he will 6 ever be mindful of his covenant. He hath shewed³ his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of nations. 7 The works of his hands *are* verity and judgment : all his enactments 8 *are* sure. They are firmly established for ever, *and are* done in truth 9 and uprightness. He sent release unto his people : he hath commanded 10 his covenant for ever : holy and terrible *is* his name. The fear of the Eternal *is* the beginning of wisdom, a good understanding to all that practise them : his praise endureth for ever.

1 PSALM CXII.—Praise ye the Eternal.—O happiness of the man *that* feareth the Eternal, *that* delighteth greatly in his commandments. 2 His seed shall be mighty upon the earth : the generation of the upright 3 shall be blessed. Wealth and riches *shall be* in his house : and his 4 righteousness endureth for ever. There ariseth in the darkness a light unto the upright, *he being* gracious and compassionate, and righteous. 5 Good is a man that sheweth favour, and lendeth : he will sustain 6 his cause⁴ in judgment. Surely he shall not totter for ever : the 7 righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear 8 evil tidings : his heart is firm, trusting in the Eternal. His heart *is* established, he shall not fear, until he see *his desire* upon his 9 adversaries. He hath dispersed, he hath given to the needy ; his righteousness endureth for ever ; his horn shall be exalted with 10 honour. The wicked shall see *it*, and be grieved : he shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away : the desire of wicked ones shall perish.

1 PSALM CXIII.—Praise ye the Eternal. Praise, O ye servants of the 2 Eternal, praise the name of the Eternal. Blessed be the name of the 3 Eternal, from this time forth and for evermore. From the sunrise 4 unto his going down the name of the Eternal *is* to be praised. The Eternal *is* high above all nations, *and* his glory above the heavens. 5 Who *is* like unto the Eternal our God, who dwelleth on high, 6 7 And looketh down so low at the heaven and the earth ! He raiseth 8 up the indigent out of dust, *and* lifteth the needy out of dunghills ; 9 That he may set *him* with nobles, *even* with the nobles of his people. 10 He establisheth the barren one in the house : as the mother of 11 children she rejoiceth. Praise ye the Eternal.

1 PSALM CXIV.—When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob 2 from a people of strange language ; Judah was his sanctuary, *and* 3 Israel his dominion. The sea saw *it*, and fled ; the Jordan was

¹ a remembrance.

² prey.

³ told.

⁴ words.

PSALMS CXIV., CXV., CXVI.

4 turned back. The mountains skipped like rams, *and* hills like lambs.
 5 What *ailed* thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest; thou Jordan, *that*
 6 thou wast turned back? Ye mountains, *that* ye skipped like rams;
 7 and ye hills, like lambs? Writhe, thou earth, at the presence of the
 8 Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob; who turned the rock *into*
 a pool of water, a flint into fountains of water.

1 PSALM CXV.—Not unto us, O Eternal, not unto us, but unto thy
 2 name give glory, for thy mercy *and* for thy truth's sake. Wherefore
 3 should the nations say, Where *is* now their God? But our God *is*
 4 in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased. Their idols
 5 *are* silver and gold, the work of men's hands. They have mouths,
 6 but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not: They have
 7 ears, but they hear not: noses they have, but they smell not. They
 have hands, but they handle not: feet they have, but they walk not:
 8 neither is utterance in their throat. They that make them are like
 9 unto them; *so is* every one that trusteth in them. O Israel, trust
 10 thou in the Eternal: he *is* their help and their shield. O house of
 11 Aaron, trust in the Eternal: he *is* their help and their shield. Ye
 that fear the Eternal, trust in the Eternal: he *is* their help and their
 12 shield. The Eternal hath remembered us: he will bless *us*; he will
 13 bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron. He will
 14 bless them that fear the Eternal, *both* the small and the great. The
 15 Eternal shall add unto you, you and your children. Ye *are* blessed
 16 of the Eternal, who made heaven and earth. The heavens are hea-
 vens unto the Eternal; but the earth hath he given to the children
 17 of men. The dead praise not the Eternal, neither any that go down
 18 into silence. But we will bless the Eternal from this time forth and
 for evermore. Praise the Eternal.

1 PSALM CXVI.—I rejoice,¹ because the Eternal hath heard my voice
 2 *and* my supplications. Because he hath inclined his ear unto me,
 3 therefore will I call upon *him* as long as I live.² The bonds of death
 compassed me, and the pains of hell³ got hold upon me: I found
 4 trouble and sorrow. Then called I upon the name of the Eternal;
 5 O Eternal, I beseech thee, rescue my soul. Gracious *is* the Eternal,
 6 and righteous; yea, our God *is* merciful. The Eternal guardeth the
 7 simple: I was in misery, and he saved me. Return unto thy rest, O
 8 my soul; for the Eternal hath dealt bountifully with thee. For thou
 hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, *and* my feet
 9 from falling. I will walk before the Eternal in the lands of the
 10 11 living. I believed when I spake: I announced aloud, I said in my
 12 haste, Everything in man is deceptive. What shall I render unto
 13 the Eternal *for* all his benefits towards me? I will take the cup of

¹ love.

² in my days.

³ the grave.

PSALMS CXVI., CXVII., CXVIII.

14 salvation, and call upon the name of the Eternal. I will pay my vows
 15 unto the Eternal, now in the presence of all his people. Destruction
 16 upon his saints is but rare in the sight of the Eternal. O Eternal,
 truly I *am* thy servant ; I *am* thy servant, *and* the son of thy hand-
 17 maid: thou hast loosed my bonds. I will sacrifice to thee the sacri-
 18 fice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Eternal. I
 will pay my vows unto the Eternal now in the presence of all his
 19 people, In the courts of the house of the Eternal, in the midst of
 thee, O Jerusalem. Praise ye the Eternal.

1 PSALM CXVII.—O praise the Eternal, all ye nations: extol him, all
 2 races. For his mercy prevails over us; and the truth of the
 Eternal *endureth* for ever. Praise ye the Eternal.

1 PSALM CXVIII.—O give thanks unto the Eternal, for *he is* good:
 2 because his mercy *endureth* for ever. Let Israel now say, that his
 3 mercy *endureth* for ever. Let the house of Aaron now say, that his
 4 mercy *endureth* for ever. Let them now that fear the Eternal say,
 5 that his mercy *endureth* for ever. I called upon the Eternal from
 6 the confined space: the Eternal answered me in the large space. The
 Eternal is for me; I will not fear: what can man do unto me;
 7 The Eternal is for me with them that help me: therefore shall I see
 8 *my desire* upon them that hate me. *It is* better to trust in the Eter-
 9 nal than to put confidence in man. *It is* better to trust in the
 10 Eternal than to put confidence in nobles. All nations compassed me
 11 about: but in the name of the Eternal I will cut them off. They
 compassed me about; yea, they compassed me about: but in the
 12 name of the Eternal I will cut them off. They compassed me about
 like bees; they are quenched as the fire of thorns: for in the name
 13 of the Eternal I will cut them off. Thou hast thrust sore at me that
 14 I might fall: but the Eternal helped me. The Eternal *is* my might
 15 and my hymn, and is become my salvation. The voice of shouting
 and salvation is in the tents of the righteous; the right hand of the
 16 Eternal doeth valiantly.¹ The right hand of the Eternal is exalted:
 17 the right hand of the Eternal doeth valiantly.¹ I shall not die, but
 18 live, and declare the works of the Eternal. The Eternal hath
 19 chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over to the death. Open
 to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, *and* thank the
 20 Eternal. This is the gate for the Eternal, in it the righteous shall
 21 enter. I thank thee: for thou hast answered me, and art become
 22 my salvation. A stone *which* the builders scorned is become the
 23 head *stone* of a corner. This was from the Eternal; it is marvellous
 24 in our eyes. This *is* the day *which* the Eternal hath made; we will

¹ force.

PSALMS CXVIII., CXIX.

25 exult and rejoice in it. Save now, I beseech thee, O Eternal: O
 26 Eternal, I beseech thee, send now prosperity. Blessed *be* he that
 27 cometh in the name of the Eternal: we have blessed you out of the
 28 house of the Eternal. God *is* the Eternal, who giveth us light;
 29 bind *the* sacrifice¹ with cords, *even* unto the horns of the altar.
 Thou *art* my God, and I will thank thee: *thou art* my God, I will
 exalt thee. Thank the Eternal; for *he is* good: for his mercy
endureth for ever.

1 PSALM CXIX.—ALEPH.—O happiness of them whose way is perfect,
 2 who walk in the law of the Eternal. O happiness of them that
 3 observe his testimonies, *and that* inquire after him with the whole
 4 heart. They also work no iniquity: they walk in his ways.
 5 6 Thou hast commanded *us* to keep thy precepts diligently. O that
 6 my ways were directed to keep thy statutes! Then shall I not be
 7 ashamed, when I look at all thy commandments. I will thank thee
 8 with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned the judgments of
 thy righteousness. I will keep thy statutes: O forsake me not
 utterly.

9 BETH.—Wherewithal shall a young man² cleanse his path? by
 10 taking heed *thereto* according to thy word. With my whole heart
 have I inquired after thee: O let me not err from thy commandments.
 11 Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee.
 12 13 Blessed *art* thou, O Eternal: teach me thy statutes. With my
 14 lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth. I have rejoiced
 15 in the way of thy testimonies, as *much as* in all riches. I will reflect
 16 on thy charges, and look at thy paths. I will delight myself in thy
 ordinances: I will not forget thy word.

17 GIMEL.—Deal bountifully with thy servant, *that* I may live, and
 18 keep thy word. Uncover thou mine eyes, that I may behold won-
 19 drous things out of thy law. *I am* a stranger in the earth: hide³ not
 20 thy commandments from me. My soul breaketh for the longing *that*
 21 *it hath* unto thy judgments at all times. Thou hast rebuked the
 22 proud *that are* cursed, who do err from thy commandments. Roll
 from me reproach and contempt; for I have observed thy testimonies.
 23 Princes also did sit *and* speak against me: *but* thy servant did reflect
 24 on thy statutes. Thy testimonies also *are* my delight *and* my coun-
 sellors.⁴

25 DALETH.—My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me ac-
 26 cording to thy word. I have declared my ways, and thou answeredst
 27 me: teach me thy statutes. Make me to understand the way of thy
 28 precepts: so shall I reflect on thy wondrous works. My soul
 melteth for sadness: establish thou me according unto thy word.
 29 Remove from me the way of lying; and grant me thy law graciously.
 30 I have chosen the way of faithfulness: thy judgments have I laid
 31 *before me*. I have cleaved unto thy testimonies: O Eternal, put me
 32 not to shame. I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou
 shalt enlarge my heart.

33 HE.—Teach me, O Eternal, the way of thy statutes; and I will

¹ festival.

² boy.

³ screen.

⁴ men of my counsel.

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34 observe it, *for there is* reward. Give me understanding, and I shall
 35 observe thy law; yea, I shall keep it with *my* whole heart. Make
 me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein am I
 36 pleased. Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetous-
 37 ness. Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity: *and* quicken
 38 thou me in thy way. Stablish thy word unto thy servant, who *is*
 39 devoted to thy fear. Turn away my disgrace which I dread: for thy
 40 judgments *are* good. Behold, I have longed after thy precepts:
 quicken me in thy righteousness.

41 VAU.—Let thy mercies come also unto me, O Eternal, *even* thy
 42 salvation, according to thy word. So shall I have wherewith to answer
 43 my reviler: for I trust in thy word. And take¹ not the word of truth
 44 utterly out of my mouth; for I have waited for thy judgments. So
 45 shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever. And I will walk
 46 forth in the wide space: for I search thy precepts. I will speak of
 47 thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed. And I
 48 will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved. My
 hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have
 loved; and I will reflect on thy statutes.

49 ZAIN.—Remember *the* word unto thy servant, for which thou hast
 50 caused me to wait. This *is* my comfort in my poverty: for thy
 51 word hath quickened me. Proud ones have had me greatly in deri-
 52 sion: *yet* have I not declined from thy law. I remembered thy
 53 judgments of old, O Eternal; and have comforted myself. Horror hath
 54 taken hold upon me because of the wicked that forsake thy law. Thy
 55 statutes have been my songs in the house of my sojourning. I have
 remembered thy name, O Eternal, in the night, and have kept thy
 56 law. This I had, because I observed thy precepts.

57 CHETH.—My portion is the Eternal: I said to keep thy words.
 58 I entreated thy favour with *my* whole heart: be merciful unto me
 59 according to thy word. I thought on my ways, and turned my feet
 60 unto thy testimonies. I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy
 61 commandments. Cords of wicked ones wind round me: *but* I have
 62 not forgotten thy law. At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto
 63 thee because of thy righteous judgments. I *am* a companion of all
 64 *them* that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts. The earth,
 O Eternal, is full of thy mercy: teach me thy statutes.

65 TETH.—Thou hast dealt well with thy servant, O Eternal, according
 66 unto thy word. Teach me goodness of understanding and knowledge:
 67 for I have believed thy commandments. Before I was afflicted I
 68 went astray: but now have I kept thy word. Thou *art* good, and
 69 doest good; teach me thy statutes. Proud ones have forged a lie
 against me: *but* I will observe thy precepts with *my* whole heart.

¹ deliver.

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70 Their heart is as fat as the grease: *but* I delight in thy law.
 71 *It is* good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy
 72 statutes. The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands
 of gold and silver.
 73 JOD.—Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me under-
 74 standing, that I may learn thy commandments. They that fear
 thee will be glad when they see me; because I have waited for thy
 75 word. I know, O Eternal, that thy judgments *are* right, and *that*
 76 thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me. Let, I pray thee, thy merci-
 ful kindness be for my comfort, according to thy saying unto thy
 77 servant. Let thy mercies come unto me, that I may live: for thy
 78 law *is* my delight. Let proud ones be ashamed; for they dealt
 perversely with me without a cause:¹ *but* I will reflect on thy pre-
 79 cepts. Let those that fear thee turn unto me, and those that have
 80 known thy testimonies. Let my heart be perfect in thy statutes;
 that I be not ashamed.
 81 CAPH.—My soul longeth for thy salvation, *but* I wait for thy word.
 82 Mine eyes long for thy word,² saying, When wilt thou comfort me?
 83 For I am become like a skin bottle in smoke; *yet* do I not forget
 84 thy statutes. How many *are* the days of thy servant? when wilt
 85 thou execute judgment on them that pursue me? Proud ones have
 86 digged pits for me, which *is* not after thy law. All thy command-
 ments *are* faithful, they pursue me wrongfully;¹ help thou me.
 87 They had almost consumed me upon earth; but I forsook not thy
 88 precepts. Quicken me after thy mercy; so shall I keep the testi-
 mony of thy mouth.
 89 LAMED.—For ever, O Eternal, thy word is settled in the heaven.
 90 Thy faithfulness *is* unto all generations: thou hast established the
 91 earth, and it abideth.³ They continue⁴ this day according to thine
 92 ordinances,⁵ for all *are* thy servants. Unless thy law *had been* my
 93 delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction.⁶ I will
 never forget thy precepts: for with them thou hast quickened me.
 94 I *am* thine, save me; for I have searched thy precepts. The
 95 wicked have waited for me to destroy me: *but* I will consider thy
 96 testimonies. I have seen an end of all perfection, *but* thy command-
 ment *is* exceeding broad.
 97 MEM.—O how love I thy law! it *is* my meditation all the day.
 98 Thou through thy commandments hast made me wise above mine ene-
 mies: for they *are* ever with me. I have more understanding than
 100 all my teachers: for thy testimonies *are* my meditation. I am
 101 intelligent above the ancients, because I observe thy precepts. I
 have refrained my feet from every path, that I might keep thy
 102 word. I have not departed from thy judgments; for thou hast
 103 taught me. How sweet are thy words unto my palate! *yea, sweeter*
 104 than honey to my mouth. Through thy precepts I get understand-
 ing: therefore I hate every false way.⁷
 105 NUN.—Thy word *is* a lamp unto my feet, and a light upon my

¹ a lie. ² saying. ³ standeth. ⁴ stand. ⁵ judgments. ⁶ poverty. ⁷ lying path.

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106 path. I have sworn, and I will perform *it*, that I will keep thy
 107 righteous judgments. I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O
 108 Eternal, according unto thy word. Accept, I beseech thee, the free-
 will offerings of my mouth, O Eternal, and teach me thy judgments.
 109 My soul *is* continually in my hand: yet do I not forget thy law.
 110 Wicked ones have laid a snare for me: yet I erred not from thy
 111 precepts. Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever:
 112 for they *are* the rejoicing of my heart. I have inclined my heart
 to perform thy statutes alway, *even unto* the end.

113 114 SAMECH.—I hate waverers: but thy law do I love. Thou *art* my
 115 hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word. Depart from me,
 ye evil-doers: for I will observe the commandments of my God.
 116 Uphold me according unto thy word,¹ that I may live: and let me
 117 not be ashamed of my hope. Sustain thou me, and I shall be safe:
 118 and I will have respect unto thy statutes continually. Thou hast
 trodden down all them that err from thy statutes: for their deceit
 119 *is* falsehood. Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth *like*
 120 dross: therefore I love thy testimonies. My flesh shuddereth for
 fear of thee; and I am afraid of thy judgments.

121 AIN.—I have done judgment and justice: leave me not to mine
 122 oppressors. Be surety for thy servant for good: let not proud ones
 123 oppress me. Mine eyes long for thy salvation, and for the word¹ of
 124 thy righteousness. Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy,
 125 and teach me thy statutes. I *am* thy servant; give me understand-
 126 ing, that I may know thy testimonies. *It is* time for the Eternal,
 127 to work *for* they have made void thy law. Therefore I love thy
 128 commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold. Therefore I
 esteem all thy precepts *concerning* all *things to be* right; and I hate
 every false way.²

129 PE.—Thy testimonies *are* wonderful: therefore doth my soul ob-
 130 serve them. The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth
 131 understanding unto the simple. I opened my mouth, and panted:
 132 for I longed for thy commandments. Turn thou unto me, and be
 gracious unto me, as thou usest to do unto those that love thy name.
 133 Order³ my steps in thy word:¹ and let not any iniquity have do-
 134 minion over me. Release me from the oppression of man: so will
 135 I keep thy precepts. Make thy face to shine upon thy servant: and
 136 teach me thy statutes. Rivers⁴ of waters run down mine eyes,
 because they keep not thy law.

137 TZADDI.—Righteous *art* thou, O Eternal, upright *are* thy judg-
 138 ments. Thy testimonies that thou hast commanded *are* righteous
 139 and very faithful. My zeal hath consumed me, because mine adver-
 140 saries have forgotten thy words. Thy word¹ *is* very refined: there-
 141 fore thy servant loveth it. I *am* small⁵ and despised: *yet* do not I
 142 forget thy precepts. Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteous-
 143 ness, and thy law is the truth. Trouble and anguish have taken

¹ saying.

² lying path.

³ prepare.

⁴ rills.

⁵ young.

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144 hold¹ on me : *yet* thy commandments *are* my delights. The righteousness of thy testimonies *is* everlasting : give me understanding, and I shall live.

145 KOPH.—I cried with *my* whole heart ; answer me, O Eternal : I
146 will observe thy statutes. I cried unto thee ; save me, and I shall
147 keep thy testimonies. I anticipated the dawning of the morning,
148 and cried for help : I hoped in thy word. Mine eyes anticipate the
149 *night* watches, that I might reflect on thy word.² Hear my voice
according unto thy mercy : O Eternal, quicken me according to thy
150 judgment. They draw nigh that follow after mischief : they are far
151 from thy law. Thou *art* near, O Eternal ; and all thy command-
152 ments *are* truth. Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old
that thou hast founded them for ever.

153 RESH.—Consider mine affliction,³ and deliver me : for I do not
154 forget thy law. Plead my cause, and redeem me : quicken me
155 according to thy word. Salvation *is* far from wicked ones : for
156 they search not thy statutes. Great *is* thy compassion, O Eternal :
157 quicken me according to thy judgments. Many *are* my persecutors
and mine adversaries ; *yet* do I not decline from thy testimonies.
158 I saw faithless ones, and was grieved ; because they kept not thy
159 word.² See how I love thy precepts : quicken me, O Eternal,
160 according to thy mercy. The summit of thy word is truth : and
every one of thy righteous judgments *endureth* for ever.

161 SCHIN.—Princes⁴ have persecuted me without a cause : but my
162 heart standeth in awe of thy word. I rejoice at thy word, as one
163 that findeth great spoil. I hate and abhor lying : *but* thy law do I
164 love. Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy righteous
165 judgments. Great peace have they who love thy law : and there is
166 no stumbling block for them. Eternal, I have hoped for thy salva-
167 tion, and done thy commandments. My soul hath kept thy testi-
168 monies ; and I love them exceedingly. I have kept thy precepts
and thy testimonies : for all my ways *are* before thee.

169 TAV.—Let my cry⁵ come near before thee, O Eternal : give me
170 understanding according to thy word. Let my supplication come
171 before thee : deliver me according to thy word.² My lips shall utter
172 praise, when thou hast taught me thy statutes. My tongue shall
speak of thy word :⁶ for all thy commandments *are* righteousness.
173 Let thy hand help me ; for I have chosen thy precepts. I have
174 longed for thy salvation, O Eternal ; and thy law is my delight.
175 Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee ; and let thy judgment help
176 me. I have gone astray like a wandering sheep ; seek thy servant ;
for I do not forget thy commandments.

1 PSALM CXX.—A Song of the degrees.—In my distress, I cried unto
2 the Eternal, and he answered me. Deliver my soul, O Eternal, from

¹ found.

² saying.

³ poverty.

⁴ officers.

⁵ shout.*

⁶ answer thy saying.

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3 lying lips, *and* from a deceitful tongue. What will a deceitful tongue
4 give unto thee, and what will it add unto thee? Sharp
5 arrows of heroes, with burning coals of broom. Woe is me, that I
6 sojourn in Mesech, *that* I dwell in the tents of Kedar! My soul
7 hath long dwelt with him that hateth peace. I *am for* peace: but
when I speak, they *are* for war.

1 PSALM CXXI.—A Song of the degrees.—I will lift up mine eyes unto
2 the mountains, from whence cometh my help? My help *cometh*
3 from the Eternal, who made heaven and earth. He will not suffer
4 thy foot to totter: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold,
5 he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Eternal
6 *is* thy keeper; the Eternal *is* thy shade upon thy right hand. The
7 sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Eternal
8 shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The
Eternal shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this
time forth, and even for evermore.

1 PSALM CXXII.—A Song of the degrees unto David.—I was glad when
2 they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Eternal. Our
3 feet stood within thy gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is built as a
4 city that is compact¹ together: Whither tribes go up, tribes of the
Eternal, a testimony for Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the
5 Eternal. For there they sat *upon* thrones of judgment, the thrones
6 of the house of David. Ask ye after the welfare² of Jerusalem: they
7 shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls,³ *and* pros-
8 perity within thy palaces. For my brethren and fellows' sakes, I will
9 now say,⁴ Peace *be* within thee. Because of the house of the Eternal
our God I will seek thy good.

1 PSALM CXXIII.—A Song of the degrees.—Unto thee lift I up mine
2 eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens. Behold, as the eyes of
servants *look* unto the hand of their masters, *and* as the eyes of a
hand-maid unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes *wait* upon the
3 Eternal our God, until that he be gracious unto us. Be gracious
unto us, O Eternal, be gracious unto us: for we are exceedingly filled
4 with contempt. Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scorning of
those that are at ease, *and* with the contempt of the proud.

1 PSALM CXXIV.—A Song of the degrees unto David.—If *it had not*
2 *been* the Eternal who was for us, now may Israel say; If *it had not*
3 *been* the Eternal who was for us, when men rose up against us: Then
they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath glowed against us:
4 Then the waters had swept us away, a stream had gone over our soul:
5 6 Then the proud waters had gone over our soul. Blessed be the

¹ joined.

² peace.

³ trench.

⁴ speak.

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7 Eternal, who hath not given us *as* a prey to their teeth. Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of fowlers: the snare is broken, 8 and we are escaped. Our help *is* in the name of the Eternal, who made heaven and earth.

1 PSALM CXXV.—A Song of the degrees.—They that trust in the Eternal *shall be* as mount Zion, *which* cannot be removed, *but* abideth for 2 ever. Jerusalem—the mountains *are* round about it, so the Eternal 3 *is* round about his people from henceforth even for ever. For the tribe of wickedness shall not rest near the lot of the righteous: lest 4 the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity. Do good, O Eternal, unto *those that are* good, and to *them that are* upright in 5 their hearts. As for such as incline unto their crooked ways, the Eternal shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity: *but* peace *shall be* upon Israel.

1 PSALM CXXVI.—A Song of the degrees.—When the Eternal restored 2 those returning to Zion, we were like them that dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouting: then said they among the nations, The Eternal hath done great things 3 for them. The Eternal hath done great things for us; *whereof* 4 we are glad. Turn our captivity, O Eternal, as springs in the south. 5 6 They that sow in tears shall reap with shouting. Weepingly he goeth along bearing the seed to be sown, he returneth back with shouting bearing his sheaves.

1 PSALM CXXVII.—A Song of the degrees unto Solomon.—Except the Eternal build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the 2 Eternal keep the city, the watchman¹ waketh *but* in vain. *It is* vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: he 3 giveth his beloved this² *in* sleep: Lo, children *are* an heritage of 4 the Eternal: *and* the fruit of the womb *is* his reward. As arrows 5 *are* in the hand of a hero, so *are* children of the youth. O happiness of the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, when they shall talk with enemies in the gate.

1 PSALM CXXVIII.—A song of the degrees.—O happiness of every one 2 that feareth the Eternal; that walketh in his ways. If thou eatest of the labour of thy hands: then is happiness thine, and *it shall be* 3 well with thee. Thy wife *shall be* as a fruitful vine by the sides³ of thy house: thy children like olive shoots round about thy table. 4 Behold, that thus a man shall be blessed that feareth the Eternal. 5 The Eternal shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the 6 good of Jerusalem. Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, *and* peace upon Israel.

1 PSALM CXXIX.—A Song of the degrees.—Many a time have they

¹ keeper.

² thus.

³ in the two thighs.

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2 vexed me from my youth, may Israel now say: Many a time have
they vexed me from my youth: yet they have not prevailed against
3 me. The ploughers ploughed upon my back; they made long their fur-
4 rows. The Eternal *is* righteous: he hath cut asunder the cords of
5 wicked ones. Let them all be ashamed and turned back that hate Zion.
6 Let them be as the grass which withereth before it is plucked out:
7 Wherewith the mower filleth not his hand; nor he that bindeth sheaves
8 his arm. Neither do they who go by say, The blessing of the Eternal
be with you: we bless you in the name of the Eternal.

1 PSALM CXXX.—A Song of the degrees.—Out of depths have I called
2 unto thee, O Eternal. Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be atten-
3 tive to the voice of my supplications. If thou, Lord, shouldst mark¹
4 iniquities, O Eternal, who shall stand? But *there is* the forgiveness
5 with thee, that thou mayest be feared. I wait for the Eternal, my
6 soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope. My soul *waiteth* for the
Eternal more than they that watch for the morning: *I say, more than*
7 they that watch for the morning. Let Israel hope in the Eternal:
for with the Eternal *there is* the mercy, and with him *is* plenteous
8 redemption. And he shall release Israel from all his iniquities.

1 PSALM CXXXI.—A Song of the degrees, unto David.—Eternal, my
heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty: neither do I exercise my-
2 self² in great matters, or in things too high³ for me. If I have not
quieted and appeased my soul, as a child that is weaned of his mo-
3 ther . . . : my soul *is* even as a weaned child. Let Israel hope in
the Eternal from henceforth and for ever.

1 PSALM CXXXII.—A Song of the degrees.—Eternal, remember unto
2 David, all his afflictions: How he swore unto the Eternal, *and*
3 vowed unto the mighty *God* of Jacob. If I come into the tent of my
4 house, go up to the bedstead of my couch, If I give sleep to mine
5 eyes, *or* slumber to mine eyelids, Until I find out a place for the
6 Eternal, habitations for the mighty *God* of Jacob . . . Lo, we heard
7 of it at Ephratah: we found it in the fields of Jear. We will go
8 into his habitations: we will prostrate ourselves at his footstool. Arise,
9 O Eternal, into thy rest: thou and the ark of thy might. Let thy
priests be clothed with righteousness; and let thy pious ones shout
10 for joy. For thy servant David's sake, turn not away the face of thine
11 anointed. The Eternal hath sworn *in* truth unto David; he will
not turn from it; Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.
12 If thy children will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall
teach them, their children shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore.
13 For the Eternal hath chosen Zion: he hath desired *it* for his habi-
14 tation. This *is* my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have de-

¹ keep.

² walk about.

³ wonderful.

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15 sired it. I will abundantly bless her provision : I will satisfy her
16 poor with bread. I will also clothe her priests with salvation : and
17 her pious ones shall go on shouting. There will I make the horn of
18 David to grow : have I ordained a lamp for mine anointed. His
enemies will I clothe with shame : but upon himself shall his crown
flourish.

1 PSALM CXXXIII.—A Song of the degrees, unto David.—Behold, how
2 truly good and how pleasant *is* the dwelling of brethren together ! *It*
3 *is* like the precious ointment¹ upon the head, that ran down upon the
beard, *even* Aaron's beard : that went down to the skirts² of his gar-
4 ments ; As the dew of Hermon, *and as the dew* that descended upon
the mountains of Zion : for there the Eternal commanded the bless-
ing, *even* life for evermore.

1 PSALM CXXXIV.—A Song of the degrees.—Behold, bless ye the
Eternal, all *ye* servants of the Eternal, who in the nights stand in the
2 house of the Eternal. Lift up your hands *in* the sanctuary, and bless
3 the Eternal. May the Eternal that made heaven and earth bless thee
out of Zion.

1 PSALM CXXXV.—Praise ye the Eternal. Praise ye the name of the
2 Eternal ; praise *him*, O ye servants of the Eternal. Ye that stand in
the house of the Eternal, in the courts of the house of our God.
3 Praise the Eternal ; for the Eternal *is* good ; hymn his name ;
4 for *it is* pleasant. For the Eternal hath chosen Jacob unto himself,
5 *and* Israel for his peculiar treasure. For I know that the Eternal *is*
6 great, and *that* our Lord *is* above all gods. Whatsoever the Eternal
pleased, *that* did he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep
7 places. He causeth vapours to ascend from the extremities of the
earth, he maketh lightnings for the rain ; he bringeth *the* wind out of
8 his treasures. Who smote the firstborn of Egypt, both of man and
9 beast, *Who* sent signs and wonders into the midst of thee, O Egypt,
10 upon Pharaoh, and upon all his servants. Who smote many nations,
11 slew mighty kings ; Sihon king of the Amorites, and Og king of Ba-
12 shan, and all the kingdoms of Canaan : And gave their land for an in-
13 heritance, an inheritance unto Israel his people. Thy name, O Eter-
nal, *endureth* for ever ; *and* thy memorial, O Eternal, throughout all
14 generations. For the Eternal will pronounce judgment on his people,
15 and he will repent himself concerning his servants. The idols of the
16 nations *are* silver and gold, the work of men's hands. Mouths they
17 have, but they speak not ; eyes they have, but they see not. Ears
they have, but they hear³ not ; neither is there *any* breath⁴ in their

¹ the good oil.

² mouth.

³ listen.

⁴ spirit.

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18 mouths. They that make them are like unto them: *so is* every one
19 that trusteth in them. O house of Israel, bless the Eternal: O house
20 of Aaron, bless the Eternal: O house of Levi, bless the Eternal; ye
21 that fear the Eternal, bless the Eternal. Blessed be the Eternal out
of Zion, who dwelleth at Jerusalem. Praise ye the Eternal.

1 PSALM CXXXVI.—O give thanks unto the Eternal; for *he is* good:
2 for his mercy *endureth* for ever. O give thanks unto the God of
3 gods: for his mercy *endureth* for ever. O give thanks unto the
4 Lord of lords: for his mercy *endureth* for ever. To him who alone
5 doeth great wonders: for *his* mercy *endureth* for ever. To him that
with understanding made the heavens: for his mercy *endureth* for
6 ever. To him that stretched out the earth above the waters: for his
7 mercy *endureth* for ever. To him that made great lights: for his
8 mercy *endureth* for ever. The sun to rule by day: for his mercy
9 *endureth* for ever: The moon and stars to rule by night: for his
10 mercy *endureth* for ever. To him that smote Egypt in their firstborn:
11 for his mercy *endureth* for ever: And brought out Israel from
12 among them: for his mercy *endureth* for ever: With a strong hand,
13 and with a stretched out arm: for his mercy *endureth* for ever. To
him who broke up the Red Sea¹ into fragments: for his mercy
14 *endureth* for ever: And made Israel to pass through the midst of
15 it: for his mercy *endureth* for ever: But overthrew Pharaoh and
16 his force in the Red Sea¹, for his mercy *endureth* for ever. To
him who led his people through the desert: for his mercy *endureth*
17 for ever. To him who smote great kings: for his mercy *endureth* for
18 ever: And slew mighty kings: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
19 Sihon king of the Amorites: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
20 And Og king of Bashan: for his mercy *endureth* for ever: And
21 gave their land for an inheritance: for his mercy *endureth* for
22 ever: *Even* an inheritance unto Israel his servant: for his mercy
23 *endureth* for ever. Who remembered us in our low estate: for his
24 mercy *endureth* for ever: And hath redeemed² us from our adversa-
25 ries: for his mercy *endureth* for ever. Who giveth food³ to all flesh:
26 for his mercy *endureth* for ever. O give thanks unto the God of the
heaven: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

1 PSALM CXXXVII.—By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea,
2 we wept, when we remembered Zion. We hanged our harps upon
3 willows in the midst thereof. For there they that carried us away
captive required of us a song; and they that wasted us *required of*
4 us joy, *saying*, Sing us *one* of the songs of Zion. How shall we sing

¹ sea of flags.

² broke off.

³ bread.

PSALMS CXXXVII., CXXXVIII., CXXXIX.

5 the Eternal's song in a strange land? If I forget thee, O Jerusalem,
6 let my right hand forget *her cunning*. If I do not remember thee,
let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer¹ not Jeru-
7 salem above my chief joy. Remember, O Eternal, the children of
Edom in the day of Jerusalem; who said, *Rase it, rase it, even to the*
8 *foundation thereof*. O daughter of Babylon, who art to be stripped!
O happiness of him that shall pay thee thy reward² as thou hast
9 served³ us. O happiness of him that shall seize and dash thy babes
against the rock.

1 PSALM CXXXVIII.—Unto David.—I will acknowledge thee with my
2 whole heart: before the gods will I hymn thee. I will prostrate
myself before the temple of thy holiness, and acknowledge thy name
for thy mercy and thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word⁴
3 above all thy name. In the day when I cried thou answeredst me, *and*
4 *elatedst me with strength* in my soul. All the kings of the earth
shall acknowledge thee, O Eternal, when they hear the words⁴ of thy
5 mouth. Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the Eternal: for great
6 *is the glory of the Eternal*. Though the Eternal *be exalted*, yet hath
he respect⁵ unto *the lowly*: but *the proud*⁶ he knoweth afar off.
7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou
shalt stretch forth⁷ thy hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and
8 thy right hand shall save me. The Eternal will perfect *that which*
concerneth me: thy mercy, O Eternal, *endureth* for ever: forsake
not the works of thine own hands.

1 PSALM CXXXIX.—To the Director, unto David, a Psalm.—O Eter-
2 nal, thou hast searched me, and known *me*. Thou knowest my down-
sitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off.
3 Thou compasses⁸ my path and my lying down, and art acquainted⁹
4 *with all my ways*. For *there is not a word* in my tongue, *but*, lo, O
5 Eternal, thou knowest it altogether. Thou hast beset me behind
6 and before, and laid thy hand upon me. *Such knowledge is too*
7 *wonderful for me*; it is high, I cannot *attain* unto it. Whither shall
8 I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I
ascend up into heaven, thou *art* there: if I make my bed in *the grave*,
9 behold, thou *art there*. If I take¹⁰ the wings of the morning dawn
10 *and dwell* in the uttermost parts of *the sea*; Even there shall thy
11 hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me. If I say, Surely
12 darkness shall cover me; even night shall be light about me. Yea,
darkness darkeneth not from thee; but night shineth as the day: the
13 darkness and the light *are both alike to thee*. For thou hast possessed
14 my reins: thou hast sheltered me in my mother's womb. I will
acknowledge thee: for I am marvellously¹¹ distinguished: wonderful
15 *are thy works*; and *that* my soul knoweth right well. My substance¹²

¹ bring up. ² requital. ³ required. ⁴ saying. ⁵ seeth. ⁶ high. ⁷ send.
⁸ winnowest. ⁹ accustomed. ¹⁰ bear. ¹¹ fearfully. ¹² bone.

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was not hid¹ from thee, when I was made in secret, *and* curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; and in thy book all *my members* were written, *which* in continuance² were fashioned, when *as yet there was* none of them. How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great³ is the sum⁴ of them; *If* I should count them, they are more in number than sand: when I awake, I am still with thee. If thou wilt slay the wicked, O God . . . depart from me therefore, ye sanguinary men. For they speak⁵ against thee wickedly,⁶ *and* thine enemies take *thy name* in vain. Do not I hate them, O Eternal, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee? I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies. Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if *there be any* wicked way⁷ in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

1 PSALM CXL.—To the Director, a Psalm unto David.—Rescue me, O Eternal, from an evil man: preserve me from a man of violence. Who imagine⁸ mischiefs in *their* heart; continually⁹ they foment war. They have sharpened *their* tongues like a serpent; adder's poison¹⁰ is under their lips. Selah. Keep me, O Eternal, from the hands of *the* wicked; preserve me from a man of violence; who hath purposed¹¹ to overthrow my goings. *The* proud have hid a snare for me, and cords; they have spread a net by the wayside; they have set gins for me. Selah. I said unto the Eternal, Thou *art* my God: listen to *7* the voice of my supplications, O Eternal. O Eternal, Lord, strength of my salvation, thou hast covered¹² my head in the day of battle.¹³ Grant not, O Eternal, the desires of *the* wicked: further not his wicked device; *lest* they exalt themselves. Selah. *As for* the head of those that compass me about, let the mischief of their own lips cover them. Let burning coals be thrown upon them: let them be cast into the fire; into deep pits, that they rise not up again. Let not an evil speaker¹⁴ be established in the earth: evil shall hunt the violent man to overthrow *him*. I know that the Eternal will maintain the cause of the poor, *and* the right of the needy. Surely righteous ones shall give thanks unto thy name: upright ones shall dwell in thy presence.

1 PSALM CXLI.—A Psalm, unto David.—Eternal, I call unto thee: make haste unto me; give ear unto my voice, when I call unto thee. Let my prayer be set forth before thee *as* incense; *and* the lifting up of my hands *as* the evening oblation. Set a watch, O Eternal, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips. Incline not my heart to *any* evil thing, to practise wicked works with men that work iniquity: and

¹ denied. ² days. ³ mighty. ⁴ their heads. ⁵ say. ⁶ a device. ⁷ way of sorrow. ⁸ think. ⁹ the whole day. ¹⁰ wrath. ¹¹ thought. ¹² sheltered. ¹³ arming. ¹⁴ a man of tongue.

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5 let me not eat of their dainties. Let *the* righteous smite me *with* mercy, and *the* chief reprove me *with* gentleness¹: my chief will not refuse me, however long, for my prayer is in the midst of their
6 evils. Their judges were let at rest on rocky ground; they heard my
7 words, for they were pleasant. Our bones are scattered at the
8 grave's mouth, as when one tilleth and cleaveth the ground. But mine eyes *are* unto thee, O Eternal the Lord: in thee is my trust;
9 pour not out my soul. Keep me from snares *which* they have laid
10 for me, and gins of the workers of iniquity. Let *the* wicked fall into their own nets together, whilst that I withal escape.²

PSALM CXLII.—Maschil, unto David: A Prayer when he was in the
1 cave.—I cried unto the Eternal with my voice; with my voice unto
2 the Eternal did I make my supplication. I poured out my complaint
3 before him; I told before him my distress. When my spirit became overcast within me, then thou knewest my path. In the way wherein
4 I walked have they privily laid a snare for me. I looked on *my* right hand, and beheld, but *there was* no man that would know me: refuge
5 failed me; no man inquired after my soul. I cried unto thee, O Eternal: I said, Thou *art* my refuge *and* my portion in the land of
6 the living. Attend unto my loud cries; for I am brought very low:
7 deliver me from my persecutors; for they are stronger than I. Bring my soul out of prison, that I may acknowledge thy name: the righteous shall compass me about; for thou shalt deal bountifully with me.

1 PSALM CXLIII.—A Psalm, unto David.—Hear my prayer, O Eternal, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, *and* in
2 thy righteousness. And enter not into judgment with thy servant:
3 for no one living is righteous before thee. For the enemy hath pursued my soul; he hath smitten³ my life down to the earth; he hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those who have been long dead.
4 Therefore is my spirit darkened within me; my heart within me is
5 desolate. I remember *the* days of old; I meditate on all thy operations; I muse on the work of thy hands. I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul *thirsteth* after thee, as a thirsty⁴ land. Selah.
7 Answer me speedily, O Eternal: my spirit faileth: screen not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.
8 Cause me to hear thy mercy in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my
9 soul unto thee. Deliver me, O Eternal, from mine enemies; with
10 thee am I under covert. Teach me to do thy will; for thou *art* my

¹ oil.

² pass over.

³ crushed.

⁴ faint.

PSALMS CXLIII., CXLIV., CXLV.

God: thy spirit *is* good; lead me into the land of uprightness.
 11 Quicken me, O Eternal, for thy name's sake: for thy righteousness'
 12 sake bring my soul out of trouble. And of thy mercy cut off
 mine enemies, and destroy all them that afflict my soul: for I *am*
 thy servant.

1 PSALM CXLIV.—Unto David.—Blessed *be* the Eternal my rock, who
 2 traineth my hands for the encounter, and my fingers for the war. My
 goodness¹ and my stronghold; my fortress and my deliverer; my
 shield, and *he* in whom I trust; who subdueth my people under me.
 3 Eternal, what *is* man, that thou takest knowledge of him! *or* the
 4 son of man, that thou makest account of him! Man is like to the
 5 vanity: his days *are* as a shadow that passeth away. Incline thy
 heavens, O Eternal, and come down: touch the mountains, and
 6 they shall smoke. Cast forth lightning, and scatter them: shoot²
 7 out thine arrows, and confound them. Send thy hands from above;
 rid me, and deliver me out of great waters, from the hand of alien
 8 children; Whose mouth speaketh vanity,³ and their right hand *is* a right
 9 hand of falsehood. I will sing a new song unto thee, O God: upon a ten
 10 stringed psaltery will I hymn thee. *It is he* that giveth salva-
 tion unto the kings; who riddeth David his servant from a hurtful
 11 sword. Rid me, and deliver me from the hand of alien children,
 whose mouth speaketh vanity,³ and their right hand *is* a right hand
 12 of falsehood: That our sons *may be* as plants grown up in their youth;
that our daughters *may be* as corner stones, polished *after* the simi-
 13 litude of a palace: *That* our garners *may be* full, affording all manner
 of store: *that* our flocks may bring forth thousands and ten thousands
 14 in our streets: *That* our cattle be with young; *that there be* no
 breaking in, nor going out, that there be no outcry in our streets.
 15 O happiness of the people, that is in such a case: O happiness of
 the people, whose God *is* the Eternal.

1 PSALM CXLV.—*Psalms of praise*, unto David.—I will extol thee, my
 2 God, O king; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever. Every
 day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.
 3 Great *is* the Eternal, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is un-
 4 searchable. Generation shall praise thy works to generation, and
 5 shall tell thy mighty acts. I will talk of the glorious honour of thy
 6 majesty, and of thy wondrous works.⁴ And *men* shall speak⁵ of the
 7 might of thy terrible acts: and I will declare thy greatness. They
 shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall
 8 sing⁶ of thy righteousness. The Eternal *is* gracious, and full of com-

¹ mercy.

² send.

³ nothingness.

⁴ words,

⁵ say,

⁶ shout.

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9 passion; slow to anger, and of great mercy. The Eternal *is* good to
 10 all: and his compassion *is* over all his works. All thy works shall
 acknowledge thee, O Eternal; and thy pious ones shall bless thee.
 11 They shall speak¹ of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power;
 12 To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious
 13 majesty of his kingdom. Thy kingdom *is* an everlasting king-
 dom, and thy dominion *endureth* throughout all generations.
 14 The Eternal upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all *those that are*
 15 bowed down. The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them
 16 their food in due season. Thou openest thy hand, and satisfiest the
 17 desire of every living thing. The Eternal *is* righteous in all his ways,
 18 and holy² in all his works. The Eternal *is* high unto all them that
 19 call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. He will fulfil the
 desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry for help, and
 20 will save them. The Eternal preserveth all them that love him: but
 21 all the wicked will he exterminate. My mouth shall speak the praise
 of the Eternal: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

1 PSALM CXLVI.—Praise ye the Eternal. Praise the Eternal, O my
 2 soul. While I live I will praise the Eternal; I will hymn my
 3 God while I have any being. Put not your trust in nobles, *nor* in
 4 the son of man, who hath no salvation. His breath goeth forth, he
 5 returneth to his ground; in that very day his designs perish. O
 happiness *of him* that *hath* the God of Jacob for his help, whose
 6 hope *is* in the Eternal his God: Who made heaven, and earth, the sea,
 7 and all that therein *is*: who keepeth truth for ever: Who executeth
 judgment for the oppressed: who giveth bread to the hungry. The
 8 Eternal looseth bound ones: The Eternal uncloseth *the eyes* of the
 blind: the Eternal raiseth them that are bowed down: the Eternal
 9 loveth *the* righteous: The Eternal preserveth strangers; he sus-
 taineth *the* fatherless and widow: but the way of wicked ones he
 10 maketh crooked. The Eternal shall reign for ever, *even* thy God, O
 Zion, from generation to generation. Praise ye the Eternal.

1 PSALM CXLVII.—Praise ye the Eternal: for *it is* good to hymn our
 2 God; for *it is* pleasant; *and* praise is comely. The Eternal doth
 3 build up Jerusalem: he gathereth together the outcasts of Israel. He
 4 healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.³ He
 counteth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by *their* names.
 5 Great *is* our Lord, and of great power: his understanding *is* infinite.⁴
 6 The Eternal sustaineth meek ones: he lowereth wicked ones to *the*

¹ say.

² pious.

³ woes.

⁴ without number.

PSALMS CXLVII., CXLVIII., CXLIX.

7 earth. Intone a choral song unto the Eternal with thanksgiving ;
 8 hymn our God upon the harp : Who covereth *the* heaven with thick
 clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow
 9 upon mountains. He giveth to beasts the food thereof, *and* to young
 10 ravens what they cry for. He delighteth not in the strength of the
 11 horse : he taketh not pleasure in the thighs of a man. The Eternal
 taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his
 12 mercy. Glorify the Eternal, O Jerusalem ; praise thy God, O
 13 Zion, For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates ; he hath
 14 blessed thy children within thee. He maketh peace *in* thy borders,
 15 *and* satisfieth thee with the finest¹ of wheat. He sendeth forth his
 16 commandment *upon* earth : his word runneth very swiftly. He giveth
 17 snow like the wool : he scattereth hoarfrost like the ashes. He
 casteth forth his ice like morsels : who can stand before his cold ?
 18 He sendeth out his word, and melteth them : he causeth his wind to
 19 blow, *and* waters flow. He telleth his word unto Jacob, his statutes
 20 and his judgments unto Israel. He hath not dealt so with any
 nation : and *as for his* judgments, they have not known them.
 Praise ye the Eternal.

1 PSALM CXLVIII.—Praise ye the Eternal. Praise ye the Eternal from
 2 the heavens : praise him in the heights. Praise ye him, all his mes-
 3 sengers : praise ye him, all his hosts. Praise ye him, sun and moon :
 4 praise him, all ye stars of light. Praise him, ye heavens of heavens :
 5 and the waters that *are* above the heavens. Let them praise the name
 6 of the Eternal : for he commanded, and they were created. He hath
 also stablished them for ever and ever : he hath given a statute which
 7 shall not pass. Praise the Eternal from the earth, ye huge creatures,
 8 and all deeps : Fire, and hail ; snow, and vapours ; stormy
 9 wind fulfilling his word : O mountains, and all hills ; fruitful
 10 trees, and all cedars : O animals and all beasts ; creeping things,
 11 and winged birds ; Kings of *the* earth, and all races, princes,³ and
 12 all judges of the earth : Both young men, and virgins ; old men and
 13 boys : Let them praise the name of the Eternal : for his name alone
 14 is exalted ; his glory *is* above earth and heaven, He also raiseth the
 horn unto his people, a praise unto all his pious ones ; *even* unto the
 children of Israel, a people near unto him. Praise ye the Eternal.

1 PSALM CXLIX.—Praise ye the Eternal. Sing unto the Eternal a new
 2 song, *and* his praise in the congregation of pious ones. Let Israel
 rejoice in him that made him : let the children of Zion be joyful in

¹ fat.

² saying.

³ officers.

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3 their King. Let them praise his name in dances : let them hymn him
4 with timbrel and harp. For the Eternal taketh pleasure in his
5 people : he will beautify meek ones with salvation. Let pious ones
6 exult in glory : let them shout upon their couches. Exaltation
7 of God is in their mouth,¹ and a two-edged sword in their hand ; To
execute vengeance upon the nations, *and* punishments upon the races ;
8 To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters
9 of iron ; To execute upon them the judgment written : an ornament
is he to all his pious ones. Praise ye the Eternal.

1 PSALM CL.—Praise ye the Eternal. Praise God in his holiness :
2 praise him in the expanse *made* by his might. Praise him for his
mighty acts : praise him according to the fullness of greatness.
3 Praise him with the blowing of the cornet : praise him with psaltery
4 and harp. Praise him with timbrel and dances : praise him with
5 stringed instruments and pipes. Praise him upon loud cymbals :
6 praise him upon high sounding cymbals. Let everything that hath
breath praise the Eternal. Praise ye the Eternal.

¹ throat.

THE PROVERBS.

1 CHAP. I.—Sentences by Solomon son of David, king of Israel;
 2 To know wisdom and correction; to perceive¹ words of understanding;
 3 To receive correction from insight, justice, and judgment, and
 4 equity; To give subtilty to simple ones, to a boy thoughtfulness,²
 5 knowledge, and device. A wise *man* will hear, and will increase
 5 instruction; and a man of understanding shall acquire prudence.
 6 To understand a sentence and an oration; words of the wise, and
 7 their riddles. The fear of the Eternal is the beginning of knowledge:
 8 *but* fools despise wisdom and correction. My son, hear the correction
 9 of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother: For they shall
 be a graceful wreath unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.
 10 11 My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not. If they say, Come
 with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent
 12 with impunity: Let us swallow them up alive as *the* grave; and
 13 completely, as those that go down into the pit: We shall find all
 14 precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil: Thou shalt
 15 cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse: My son, walk
 not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path:
 16 17 For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood. For
 18 purposeless seems the net spread in the sight of every bird,³ Yet
 19 they lay in wait for their blood; they lurk privily for their lives. So
are the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; it taketh away the
 20 life of the owners thereof. Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth⁴ her
 21 voice in the open places. She calleth in the chief places of concourse,
 in the entrances of gates: in the city she uttereth⁵ her words, *saying*,
 22 How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and talkers de-
 23 light⁶ in their talking, and fools hate knowledge? Turn you at my
 reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make
 24 known my words unto you. Because I have called, and ye refused;
 25 I have inclined my hand, and no man attended; But ye have set at
 26 nought⁷ all my counsel, and would none of my reproof; I also will

¹ understand. ² device. ³ owner of wing. ⁴ shouteth in the streets. ⁵ saith. ⁶ covet.
⁷ disordered.

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27 laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your dread cometh; When
 your dread cometh as desolation, and your calamity cometh as a
 28 whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall
 they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early,
 29 but they shall not find me: For that they hated knowledge, and did
 30 not choose the fear of the Eternal: They would none of my counsel:
 31 they scorned all my reproof. Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of
 32 their own way, and be filled with their own devices. For the defec-
 tion of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall
 33 destroy them. But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and
 shall be quiet from dread of evil.

1 CHAP. II.—My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my
 2 commandments with thee; So that thou incline¹ thine ear unto the
 3 wisdom, *and* apply² thy heart to the understanding; Yea, if thou
 criest after the understanding, *and* liftest up thy voice for the insight;
 4 If thou seekest it as the silver, and searchest for it as *for* the hid trea-
 5 sures; Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Eternal, and find
 6 the knowledge of God. For the Eternal giveth wisdom: out of his
 7 mouth *cometh* knowledge and understanding. He layeth up³ sound
 wisdom for the righteous: *he is* a shield to them that walk uprightly.
 8 He preserveth the paths of judgment, and keepeth the way of his
 9 pious ones. Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judg-
 10 ment, and equity; *yea*, every path⁴ to goodness. When wisdom
 entereth into thy heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul;
 11 Discretion⁵ shall keep thee, understanding shall preserve thee;
 12 To deliver thee from the way of the evil *man*, from the man that
 13 speaketh froward things; Who leave the paths of uprightness, to
 14 walk in the ways of darkness; Who rejoice to do evil, *and* delight
 15 in the frowardness of the wicked; Whose paths are perverse, and
 16 crooked in their track: To deliver thee from a strange woman,
 17 *even* from an alien *who* flattereth with her words; Who forsaketh
 the guide⁶ of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God.
 18 For her house is depressed unto death, and her tracks unto the de-
 19 parted. None that go unto her return again, neither reach the paths
 20 of life. That thou mayest walk in the way of good *men*, and keep
 21 the paths of righteous ones. For upright ones shall dwell in *the*
 22 land, and perfect ones shall be left in it. But wicked ones shall be
 cut off from *the* land, and traitors shall be pulled out of it.

1 CHAP. III.—My son, forget not my law; and let thy heart keep my
 2 commandments: For length of days, and years of life, and peace,
 3 shall they add to thee. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind
 4 them about thy throat, write them upon the table of thy heart. So

¹ attend.

² incline.

³ hideth.

⁴ track.

⁵ device.

⁶ chieftain.

PROVERBS III.

shalt thou find favour and proper¹ regard in the eyes of God and
 5 man. Trust in the Eternal with all thy heart; and lean not unto
 6 thine own understanding. In all thy ways know him, and he shall
 7 make straight thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the
 8 Eternal, and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy navel, and
 9 marrow to thy bones. Honour the Eternal from thy wealth, and
 10 with the firstfruits² of all thy produce: So shall thy storehouses be
 11 filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with must. My
 son, despise not the correction of the Eternal; neither be harassed
 12 by his reproof: For whom the Eternal loveth he reproveth; even
 13 as a father a son *in whom* he delighteth. O happiness of the man that
 14 findeth wisdom, and the man *that* getteth understanding. For the
 merchandise of it *is* better than the merchandise of silver, and the
 15 produce thereof than fine gold. She *is* more precious than rubies;
 16 and all thy valuables are not to be compared unto her. Length of
 days *is* in her right hand; *and* in her left hand riches and honour.
 17 Her ways *are* ways of pleasantness, and all her paths *are* peace.
 18 She *is* a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy *is*
 19 *every one* that holdeth her up. The Eternal with wisdom hath
 founded the earth; with understanding hath he established heavens.
 20 By his knowledge depths were broken up, and *the* sky drops
 21 down dew. My son, let not them depart from thine eyes:
 22 keep sound wisdom and discretion: So shall they be life unto thy
 23 soul, and grace to thy neck.³ Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely,
 24 and thy foot shall not hurt itself. When thou liest down, thou shalt
 not be in dread: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be
 25 sweet. Be not afraid of sudden dread, neither of the desolation of
 26 wicked ones, when it cometh. For the Eternal shall be by thy side,⁴
 27 and shall keep thy foot from being taken. Withhold not good from
 them to whom it is due,⁵ when it is in the power of thy hand to do
 28 *it*. Say not unto thy fellow, Go, and come again, and to-morrow I
 29 will give; when thou hast it by thee. Devise not evil against thy
 30 fellow, seeing he dwelleth securely by thee. Strive not with a
 31 man without cause, if he have done thee no harm. Envy thou not a
 32 man of violence, and choose none of his ways. For a perverter *is*
 33 abomination to the Eternal: but his secret is with the upright. The
 curse of the Eternal *is* in the house of the wicked; but he blesseth
 34 the habitation of righteous ones. If *it* is to the scorers, he alloweth

¹ good.

² beginning.

³ throat.

⁴ join.

⁵ its owner.

PROVERBS III., IV., V.

35 *them* to scorn : but he giveth grace unto the meek. *The* wise shall inherit glory : but fools he alloweth to be prominent in ignominy.

1 CHAP. IV.—Hear, ye children, the correction of a father, and attend
2 to know understanding. For I give you good doctrine, forsake not
3 ye my law. When I was a son of my father, tender and only *beloved*
4 in the sight of my mother, He taught me, and said unto me, Let
thy heart retain my words : keep my commandments and live ;
5 Acquire wisdom, acquire understanding : forget *it* not ; neither
6 decline from the words of my mouth. Forsake her not, and she shall
7 keep thee : love her, and she shall preserve thee ; The beginning
of wisdom is acquiring wisdom : and with all thy possession acquire
8 understanding. Exalt her, and she shall raise thee : she shall bring
9 thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her. She shall give to thy
head a wreath of grace ; with a crown of glory shall she encircle¹
10 thee. Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings ; and the years of
11 thy life shall be many. I have taught thee in the way of wisdom ; I
12 have led thee in the tracks of uprightness. When thou goest, thy
steps shall not be straitened : and when thou runnest, thou shalt not
13 stumble. Take fast hold of instruction² ; let *her* not go : preserve
14 her : for she *is* thy life. Enter not into the path of wicked ones,
15 and do not consider *thyself* happy in the way of evil *men*. Avoid it,
16 pass not by it, turn aside from it, and pass away. For they sleep
not, except they have done mischief : and their sleep is taken away,
17 unless they cause *some* to stumble. For they consume the bread of
18 wickedness, and drink the wine of violence. But the path of
righteous ones *is* as the light of an early morning, that shineth more
19 and more unto the perfect day. The way of wicked ones *is* as thick
20 darkness : they know not at what they stumble. My son, attend to
21 my words ; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart
22 from thine eyes ; keep them in the midst of thy heart. For they
are life unto those that find them, and healing to all their flesh :
23 Above everything worth keeping preserve thy heart ; for out of it
24 *are* the issues of life. Put away from thee a froward mouth, and
25 perverse lips keep far from thee. Let thine eyes look at what is
facing *them*, and let thine eyelids look straight at what is opposite
26 thee. Ponder the track of thy feet, and let all thy ways be esta-
27 blished. Incline not to the right hand nor to the left ; remove thy
foot from evil.

1 CHAP. V.—My son, attend to my wisdom, *and* incline thine ear to
2 my understanding : That thou mayest regard³ discretion, and *that*
3 thy lips may preserve knowledge. For the lips of a strange woman
drop *as* a honeycomb, and her palate is smother than oil :
4 But her end⁴ is bitter as the wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword.
5 Her feet go down to death ; her steps take hold on *the* grave.
6 Lest thou shouldest ponder the path of life, her tracks are moveable,

¹ shield.

² correction.

³ keep.

⁴ remoteness.

PROVERBS V., VI.

7 *that* thou canst not know *them*. Hear me now therefore, O ye
 8 children, and depart not from the words of my mouth. Remove thy
 9 way far from her, and come not nigh the entrance of her house. Lest
 thou give thine honour unto others, and thy years unto a cruel one :
 10 Lest strangers be filled with thy wealth :¹ and thy labours *be* in the
 11 house of an alien ; And thou lament at the last,² when thy flesh and
 12 thy body are consumed ; And say, How have I hated correction, and
 13 my heart scorned reproof ; And have not obeyed the voice of my
 14 teachers, nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed me ! Yet a
 little, and I should have been in all *kinds of* evil in the midst of the
 15 congregation and assembly. Drink waters out of thine own cistern,³
 16 and liquids out of thine own well. Let thy fountains be dispersed
 17 abroad, *and* rivulets of waters in the streets. Let them be only thine
 18 own, and not strangers' with thee. Let thy spring be blessed : and
 19 rejoice with the wife of thy youth. *Let her be as* a loving hind and
 a graceful roe ; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times ; and be thou
 20 ravished always with her love. And why wilt thou, my son, be ra-
 vished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of an alien ?
 21 For the ways of man *are* before the eyes of the Eternal, and he
 22 pondereth all his tracks. His own iniquities shall take the wicked
 23 himself, and he shall be retained with the cords of his sins. He shall
 die without correction ; and in the greatness of his folly he shall go
 astray.

1 CHAP. VI.—My son, if thou be surety for thy fellow, *if* thou hast
 2 stricken thy hands with the stranger, Thou art snared with the
 words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth.
 3 Do this now, my son, and deliver thyself, when thou art
 come into the hand of thy fellow ; go, humble thyself, and make thy
 4 fellows proud. Give not sleep to thine eyes, nor slumber to thine
 5 eyelids. Deliver thyself as a gazelle from the hand *of the hunter*,
 6 and as a bird from the hand of a fowler. Go to the ant, thou slug-
 7 gard ; see her ways, and be wise : Which, having no captain, bailiff,
 8 or ruler, Provideth her meat⁴ in the summer, *and* gathereth her
 9 food in the harvest. How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard ? when
 10 wilt thou arise out of thy sleep ? Yet a little sleep, a little slumber,
 11 a little folding of the hands to sleep : So shall thy poverty come as
 12 one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man. A worthless
 13 person, an iniquitous man, walketh with a froward mouth. He
 winketh with his eyes, he scrapeth with his feet, he pointeth⁵ with

¹ strength.

² thy remoteness.

³ pit.

⁴ bread

⁵ teacheth.

PROVERBS VI., VII.

14 his fingers ; Perversion *is* in his heart, he deviseth mischief con-
 15 tinually ; he soweth¹ discord. Therefore shall his calamity come
 16 suddenly ; suddenly shall he be broken without remedy. There are
 six *things* which the Eternal hateth : yea, seven *are* an abomination
 17 unto him : A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed inno-
 18 cent blood, A heart that deviseth thoughts of iniquity, feet that *are*
 19 swift in running to mischief, A false witness *that* breatheth lies, and
 20 he that soweth¹ discord among brethren. My son, keep thy father's
 21 commandment, and forsake *not* the law of thy mother : Bind them
 22 continually upon thy heart, *and* tie them about thy throat. When
 thou goest, it shall lead thee ; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee ;
 23 and *when* thou awakest, it shall talk with thee. For the command-
 ment *is* a lamp ; and the law *is* light ; and reproofs of correction *are*
 24 the way of life : To keep thee from an evil woman, from the smooth-
 25 ness of the tongue of a strange woman. Covet not her beauty in thy
 26 heart ; neither let her take thee with her eyelids. For by means of
 a whorish woman *a man is brought* to a piece² of bread : and the
 27 adulteress³ will hunt for the precious life. Can a man take fire in his
 28 bosom, and his clothes not be burned ? Can one go upon burning
 29 coals, and his feet not be scorched ? So he that goeth in to his fellow's
 30 wife ; whosoever toucheth her shall not be guiltless. *Men* do not
 despise the thief, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry ;
 31 But *if* he be found, he shall restore sevenfold ; he shall give all the
 32 substance of his house. But whoso committeth adultery with a wo-
 man lacketh understanding :⁴ he *that* doeth it destroyeth his own
 33 soul. Affliction and dishonour shall he get,⁵ and his disgrace shall
 34 not be wiped away. For jealousy *is* the rage of a man : therefore he
 35 will not spare in the day of vengeance. He will not regard any ran-
 som ; neither will he rest content, though thou givest much bribery.

1 CHAP. VII.—My son, keep my words, and lay up⁶ my command-
 2 ments with thee. Keep my commandments, and live ; and my law
 3 as the pupil of thine eye. Bind them upon thy fingers, write them
 4 upon the table of thy heart. Say unto the wisdom, Thou *art* my
 5 sister ; and call the understanding *thy* kinswoman : That they may
 keep thee from a strange woman, from an alien *whose* words are
 6 smooth. For at the window of my house I looked through my lattice,
 7 And saw among the simple ones, I discerned among the youths, a
 8 young man void of understanding. Passing through the market near
 9 her corner ; and he went the way to her house, In the twilight, in
 10 the evening, in the gloom of the night and thick darkness : And,
 behold, there met him a woman *with* the attire of a harlot, and subtle
 11 of heart. She *is* noisy and backsliding ; her feet abide not in her

¹ soweth forth.

² loaf.

³ wife of a man.

⁴ heart.

⁵ find.

⁶ hide.

PROVERBS VII., VIII.

12 house: Now *is she* without, now in the streets, and lieth in wait at
 13 every corner. So she caught him, and kissed him, *and* with an im-
 14 pudent face said unto him, *I have* feast offerings with me; this day
 15 have I paid my vows. Therefore came I forth to meet thee, dili-
 16 gently to seek thy face, and I have found thee. I have decked my
 bedstead with coverings of tapestry, with striped tapestry, with fine
 17 linen of Egypt. I have sprinkled my bed with myrrh, aloes, and
 18 cinnamon. Come, let us take our fill of amours until the morning:
 19 let us solace ourselves with loves. For the goodman¹ is not at home,
 20 he is gone a long journey: He hath taken the bundle of money with
 21 him, *and* will come home on the day of the full moon. With her
 much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the smoothness of
 22 her lips she led him astray. He goeth after her like an ox that
 suddenly cometh to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of
 23 the stocks. Till an arrow strike through his liver; as a bird hasteth
 24 to a snare, and knoweth not that it *is* for its life. Hearken unto me
 now therefore, O ye children, and attend to the sayings of my mouth.
 25 Let not thy heart turn aside to her ways, go not astray in her paths.
 26 For she hath cast down many pierced; and mighty were those slain
 27 by her. Her house *is* the way to *the* grave, going down to the cham-
 bers of death.

1 CHAP. VIII.—Doth not wisdom call out? and understanding put
 2 forth her voice? She standeth in the top of high places, by the way
 3 within² *the* paths. She crieth³ at the gates, at the entry⁴ of the city,
 4 at the coming in at the doors.⁵ Unto you, O men, I call, and my
 5 voice *is* to the sons of man. O, ye simple, understand wisdom; and,
 6 ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart. Hear; for I will speak of
 excellent things; and the opening of my lips *shall be* right things.
 7 For my mouth shall utter truth; and wickedness *is* an abomination
 8 to my lips. All the sayings of my mouth *are* in righteousness; *there*
 9 *is* nothing knotty or perverse in them. They *are* all plain to him
 10 that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge. Receive
 my correction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice
 11 gold. For wisdom *is* better than pearls; and all the things that may
 12 be desired are not to be compared to it. I, wisdom, dwell with
 13 prudence,⁶ and find out knowledge *and* devices. The fear of the

¹ man.

² house of.

³ shouteth.

⁴ mouth

⁵ entrances.

⁶ subtlety.

PROVERBS VIII., IX.

Eternal *is* to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way and
 14 the froward mouth do I hate. Counsel *is* mine, and execution; I
 15 *am* understanding; I have strength. By me kings reign, and
 16 princes decree justice. By me princes' rule, and nobles, *even* all the
 17 judges of the earth. I love them that love me; and those that seek
 18 me early shall find me. Riches and honour *are* with me; *yea*,
 19 durable wealth and righteousness. My fruit *is* better than gold, *yea*,
 20 than fine gold; and my produce than choice silver. I walk in the
 21 path of righteousness, in the midst of the tracks of judgment: That
 I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill
 22 their treasures. The Eternal possessed me in the beginning of his
 23 way, before his works of old. I was anointed from everlasting, from
 24 the beginning, before ever the earth was. When *there were* no
 depths I was brought forth: when *there were* no fountains
 25 water-laden. Before mountains were settled, before hills was
 26 I brought forth: While as yet he had not made *the* earth, nor
 27 fields,² nor the beginning of the dust of the world. When he pre-
 pared the heavens, I *was* there: when he set a compass upon
 28 the face of the deep: When he established the clouds above:
 29 when he strengthened the fountains of the deep: When he
 gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his
 commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth:
 30 Then I was by him, *as* a nursling: and I was daily *his* delight,
 31 sporting always before him: Sporting in the habitable part of his
 32 earth; and my delights *were* with the sons of men. Now therefore
 hearken unto me, O ye children; for blessed *are they that* keep my
 33 34 ways. Hear instruction,³ and be wise, and be not unruly. O hap-
 piness of the man that heareth me, watching daily at my doors,
 35 waiting at the posts of my entrances. For whoso findeth me findeth
 36 life, and shall obtain favour of the Eternal. But he that sinneth
 against me doeth violence to his own soul: all that hate me love
 death.

1 CHAP. IX.—Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her
 2 seven pillars: She hath killed her beasts⁴; she hath mingled her
 3 wine; she hath also arranged her table. She hath sent forth her
 4 maidens: she calleth out upon the highest places of the city, Whoso
is simple, let him turn in hither: *as for* him that wanteth under-
 5 standing,⁵ she saith to him, Come, eat of my bread, and drink of
 6 wine *which* I have mingled. Forsake the foolish and live; and go
 7 in the way of understanding, He that correcteth a scorner getteth
 to himself ignominy: and he that rebuketh a wicked *man* *getteth*
 8 himself a blot. Rebuke not a scorner, lest he hate thee; rebuke a
 9 wise man, and he will love thee. Give *instruction* to a wise *man*, and
 he will be yet wiser: teach⁶ a just *man*, and he will increase in learn-
 10 ing. The fear of the Eternal *is* the beginning of wisdom: and the
 11 knowledge of the holy *is* understanding. For by me thy days
 12 shall increase, and they shall add to the years of thy life. If thou be
 wise, thou shalt be wise for thyself: but *if* thou scornest, thou alone

¹ officers.

² streets.

³ correction.

⁴ killing.

⁵ heart.

⁶ make known.

PROVERBS IX., X.

13 shalt bear *it*. A foolish woman *is* clamorous: *she is* simple, and
 14 knoweth nothing. For she sitteth at the entrance of her house,
 15 on a seat in the high places of the city, To call passengers who
 16 go right on their paths: Whoso *is* simple, let him turn in hither:
 and *as for* him that wanteth understanding,¹ she saith to him,
 17 Stolen waters are sweet, and bread *eaten* in secret is pleasant.
 18 But he knoweth not that the deceased *are* there; *and that* her guests
 19 *are* in the depths of the grave.

1 CHAP. X.—Maxims of Solomon.—A wise son rejoiceth the father:
 2 but a foolish son *is* the grief of his mother. Treasures of wickedness
 3 profit nothing: but righteousness delivereth from death. The Eter-
 nal will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish: but he thrusteth
 4 out the cupidity of the wicked. He becometh poor that dealeth *with*
 5 a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich. He that
 gathereth in the summer *is* a provident son: *but* he that is fast asleep
 6 in the harvest *is* a son that causeth shame. Blessings *are* upon the head
 of a righteous one: but violence covereth the mouth of wicked ones.
 7 The memory of a righteous one is for blessing: but the name of wicked
 8 ones shall rot. The wise in heart will receive commandment; but a
 9 prating fool² shall fall. He that walketh uprightly³ walketh surely:
 10 but he that perverteth his ways shall be known. He that winketh
 11 with the eye causeth sorrow: but a prating fool² shall fall. The
 mouth of a righteous *man is* a well of life: but violence covereth the
 12 mouth of wicked ones. Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth
 13 all transgressions. In the lips of him that hath understanding, wis-
 dom is found: but a rod *is* for the back of him that is void of under-
 14 standing.¹ Wise *men* lay up knowledge: but the mouth of the
 15 foolish *is* approaching dismay. The rich man's wealth *is* his strong
 16 city: the dismay of the indigent *is* their poverty. The labour of the
 17 righteous *tendeth* to life: the fruit of the wicked to sin. He *is in* the
 path of life that heedeth correction: but he that refuseth⁴ reproof
 18 erreth. He that hideth hatred *is* of lying lips, and he that uttereth a
 19 slander, *is* a fool. In the multitude of words there wanteth not
 20 transgression: but he that refraineth his lips *is* wise. The
 tongue of the just *is as* choice silver: the heart of the wicked *is*
 21 little worth. Many will feed the lips of the righteous: but fools
 22 die for want of wisdom.¹ The blessing of the Eternal, it maketh
 23 rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it. The carrying out of
 evil imagination is as a sport to the fool, *even so* of wisdom to
 24 the man of understanding. The dread of the wicked, it shall
 come upon him: but the desire of the righteous shall be granted.
 25 As the whirlwind passeth, so *is* the wicked no *more*; but the
 26 righteous *is* an everlasting foundation. As the vinegar to the
 teeth, and as the smoke to the eyes, so *is* the sluggard to them
 27 that send him. The fear of the Eternal addeth days: but the
 28 years of the wicked shall be shortened. The hope of righteous
 ones *shall be* gladness: but the expectation of wicked ones shall

¹ heart. ² a fool of lips. ³ in the uprightness. ⁴ forsaketh.

PROVERBS X., XI.

29 perish. The way of the Eternal *is* strength to uprightness: but dis-
 30 may shall be on the workers of iniquity. A righteous one shall never
 31 be removed: but wicked ones shall not inhabit the earth. The mouth
 of a righteous one bringeth forth wisdom: but a froward tongue
 32 shall be cut out. The lips of a righteous one know what is acceptable:
 but the mouth of wicked ones *speakeeth* frowardness.

1 CHAP. XI.—A false balance¹ *is* abomination to the Eternal: but a
 2 just weight² *is* his delight. *When* wantonness cometh, then cometh
 3 ignominy; but with the lowly *is* wisdom. The integrity of the
 upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of faithless ones shall
 4 destroy them. Riches profit not in the day of wrath: but righteous-
 5 ness delivereth from death. The righteousness of the perfect shall
 make straight his way: but the wicked shall fall by his own wicked-
 6 ness. The righteousness of upright ones shall deliver them: but
 7 faithless ones shall be taken in *their own* cupidity. When a wicked
 man dieth, *his* expectation shall perish: and the hope of unjust *men*
 8 perisheth. A righteous one is delivered out of trouble, and a wicked
 9 one cometh in his stead. A hypocrite with *his* mouth corrupteth
 his fellow: but through knowledge shall righteous ones be delivered.
 10 When it goeth well with righteous ones a city exulteth: and when
 11 wicked ones perish, *there is* shouting. By the blessing of upright
 ones a city is exalted: but it is overthrown by the mouth of wicked
 12 ones. He that is void of wisdom despiseth his fellow: but a man of
 13 understanding holdeth his peace. A talebearer revealeth secrets:
 14 but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth matters. Where no
 council *is*, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors *there*
 15 *is* safety. He that is surety for a stranger shall smart *for it*; and he
 16 that hateth suretyship is sure. A gracious woman retaineth honour:
 17 and strong *men* retain riches. A merciful man doeth good to his
 18 own soul: but *he that is* cruel troubleth his own flesh. *The* wicked
 worketh for deceitful wages: but to him that soweth righteousness
 19 *shall be* a sure reward. Righteousness is a support for life: but he
 20 that pursueth evil, *pursueth* it to his own death. They that are of a
 froward heart *are* abomination to the Eternal: but *such as are* up-
 21 right³ in *their* way *are* his delight. *Though* hand *join* in hand, the
 wicked shall not be unpunished: but the seed of the righteous
 22 escapeth. *As* a golden pendant in a swine's snout,⁴ *so is* a fair
 23 woman without discretion.⁵ The desire of the righteous *is* only good:
 24 *but* the expectation of the wicked is indignation. There is that
 scattereth, and yet increaseth; and *there is* that withholdeth more
 25 than is meet, but *it tendeth* to want. The liberal soul⁶ shall be made
 26 fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself. He that
 withholdeth corn, people shall curse him: but blessing *shall be*
 27 upon the head of him that selleth *it*. He that diligently seeketh
 good seeketh what is pleasing: but he that is anxious for mischief,
 28 it shall come unto him. He that trusteth in his riches shall fall:
 29 but righteous ones shall flourish as a branch.⁷ He that troubleth
 his own house shall inherit wind: and a fool *shall be* servant to the

¹ a balance of cunning. ² stone. ³ perfect. ⁴ nose. ⁵ of departing taste. ⁶ a soul of blessing.

⁷ leaf.

PROVERBS XI., XII., XIII.

30 wise of heart. The fruit of *the* righteous *is* a tree of life : and he
31 that winneth¹ souls *is* wise. Behold, *the* righteous shall be recompensed in the earth : much more *the* wicked and sinner.

1 CHAP. XII.—Whoso loveth correction loveth knowledge : but he that
2 hateth reproof *is* brutish. A good *man* obtaineth favour of the
3 Eternal : but a man of wicked devices will he declare guilty. A man
shall not be established by wickedness : but the root of righteous
4 ones shall not be moved. A virtuous woman *is* a crown to her husband :² but she that maketh ashamed *is* as rottenness in his bones.
5 The thoughts of righteous ones *are* right :³ *but* the counsels of wicked
6 ones *are* deceit. The words of wicked ones *are* to lie in wait for blood :
7 but the mouth of upright ones shall deliver them. Overturn wicked
8 ones, and they *are* not : but the house of righteous ones shall stand.
8 A man shall be commended according to his understanding : but he
9 that is of a perverse heart shall be despised. *He that is* despised,
and hath a servant, *is* better than he that pretendeth to honour, and
10 lacketh bread. A righteous *man* regardeth⁴ the life of his beast : but
11 the mercies of wicked ones *are* cruel. He that tilleth his ground shall
be satisfied with bread : but he that followeth vain⁵ *persons is* void of
12 heart. A wicked *person* coveteth the booty of evil men ; but he giveth
13 root to righteous ones. An evil *man* is snared by the transgression
14 of *his* lips : but a righteous one shall come out of trouble. By the
fruit of the mouth of a man shall he be satisfied with good : and the
15 recompence of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him. The way
of a fool *is* right in his own eyes : but he that hearkeneth unto counsel
16 *is* wise. A fool's wrath is presently⁶ known : but he that covereth
17 ignominy is prudent. *He that* speaketh⁷ truth⁸ sheweth forth⁹
18 righteousness : but a false witness deceit. There is that speaketh¹⁰
like the piercings of a sword : but the tongue of the wise *is* healing.
19 The lip of truth shall be established for ever : but a lying tongue
20 I only give a moment. Deceit *is* in the heart of them that imagine
21 evil : but to the counsellors of peace *is* joy. There shall no evil
happen to the righteous one ; but wicked ones are filled with mischief.
22 Lying lips *are* abomination to the Eternal : but they that
23 deal faithfully *are* his delight. A prudent man concealeth *his* know-
24 ledge : but the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness. The hand
of diligent ones shall bear rule : but deceitfulness shall be under tri-
25 bute. Anxiety in the heart of man maketh it stoop ; but a good word
26 maketh it glad. The righteous is more excellent than his fellow : but
27 the way of wicked ones seduceth them. Deceitfulness roasteth not that
which it took in hunting : but the precious substance of a man *is*
28 diligence. In the way of righteousness *is* life ; and *in* the pathway
thereof there is no death.

1 CHAP. XIII.—A wise son heareth his father's correction : but a scorner
2 heareth not rebuke. By the fruit of the mouth of a man he shall eat
3 good ; but the soul of the treacherous *shall eat* violence. He that
guardeth his mouth keepeth his life : *but* he that openeth wide his
4 lips shall have destruction. The soul of the sluggard desireth, and

¹ taketh. ² owner. ³ judgment. ⁴ knoweth. ⁵ empty. ⁶ in the day. ⁷ bloweth.
⁸ faithfulness. ⁹ telleth. ¹⁰ uttereth.

PROVERBS XIII., XIV.

5 *hath* nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat. A
 6 righteous *man* hateth lying words: but a wicked *man* is loathsome,
 7 and cometh to shame. Righteousness keepeth *him that is* upright in
 8 the way: but wickedness perverteth the sinner.¹ There is that pre-
 9 tendeth to be rich, yet *hath* nothing: *there* is that pretendeth to be
 10 poor, yet *hath* great wealth. The ransom of a man's life *are* his
 11 riches: but *the* poor heareth no threat.² The light of righteous ones
 12 rejoiceth: but the lamp of wicked ones shall be put out. Only by
 13 presumption cometh³ contention: but with *the* well advised *is* wis-
 14 dom. Wealth *gotten* by vanity shall be diminished: but he that
 15 gathereth by labour⁴ shall increase. Hope deferred maketh a heart
 16 sick: but *when* a desire cometh, *it is* a tree of life. Whoso despiseth
 17 a word shall be entangled: but he that feareth a commandment shall
 18 be rewarded. The law of a sage *is* a fountain of life, to depart from
 19 the snares of death. Good understanding giveth favour: but the
 20 way of faithless ones *is* hard. Every prudent *man* dealeth with
 21 knowledge: but a fool layeth open *his* folly. A wicked messenger
 22 falleth into mischief: but a faithful ambassador *is* health. Poverty
 23 and ignominy *shall be to* him that refuseth correction: but he that
 24 heedeth reproof shall be honoured. A desire accomplished is sweet
 25 to a soul: but *it is* abomination to fools to depart from evil. He
 that walketh with wise *men* shall be wise: but a companion⁵ of fools
 shall be dashed to pieces. Evil pursueth sinners: goodness repayeth
 righteous ones. A good *man* leaveth an inheritance to his children's
 children: and the wealth⁶ of a sinner *is* laid up for the righteous.
 Much food *supplieth* newly tilled ground to *the* poor: but there is
 that *is* swept away for want of judgment. He that withholdeth his
 rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him correcteth him betimes.
 A righteous *man* eateth to the satisfying of his soul: but the belly of
 wicked ones shall want.

1 CHAP. XIV.—Every wise woman⁷ buildeth her house: but folly
 2 breaketh down with its own hands. He that walketh in his upright-
 3 ness feareth the Eternal: but *he that is* perverse in his ways des-
 4 piseth him. In the mouth of a fool *is* a rod for *his* pride: but the
 5 lips of wise ones shall preserve them. Where no oxen *are*, the stable
 6 *is* clean: but much increase *is* by the strength of an ox.⁸ A witness
 7 for faithful ones will not lie: but a witness for a lie will utter⁹ false-
 8 hoods. A scorner seeketh wisdom, and *findeth it* not: but know-
 9 ledge *is* easy unto him that understandeth. Go from the presence of a
 10 foolish man, for thou perceivest¹⁰ not *in him* lips of knowledge. The
 11 wisdom of prudent ones *is* to understand his way: but the folly of
 12 fools *is* deceit. Guilt is interpreter *between* fools, but between up-
 13 right ones goodwill. A heart knoweth its own bitterness; nor can a
 14 stranger enter¹¹ into its joy. The house of wicked ones shall be ex-
 15 terminated: but the tent of upright ones shall flourish. There is a
 16 way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the
 17 ways of death. A heart may ache even in laughter; and the end¹² of

¹ sin. ² reproof. ³ giveth. ⁴ upon a hand. ⁵ shepherd. ⁶ force. ⁷ the wise ones of women.
⁸ herd. ⁹ bloweth forth. ¹⁰ knowest. ¹¹ mix itself. ¹² its end.

PROVERBS XIV., XV.

14 joy *may be* sorrow. The backslider in heart shall be filled with his
 15 own ways: and a good man with what is in him. A simple *man* be-
 lieveth every word: but the prudent *man* looketh well to his going.
 16 A wise *man* feareth, and departeth from evil: but a fool rageth, and
 17 is confident. *He that is* soon angry dealeth foolishly: and a man of
 18 wicked devices is hated. Simple ones inherit folly: but prudent
 19 ones are crowned with knowledge. Evil ones bow before good ones;
 20 and wicked ones at the gates of righteous ones. *The poor* is hated
 21 even of his own fellow: but the friends of *the rich* are many. He
 that despiseth his fellow sinneth: but he that hath mercy on the
 22 poor, happy *is* he. Do they not err that devise evil? but mercy and
 23 truth *guide* them that devise good. In all labour¹ there is profit: but
 24 the talk of the lips *tendeth* only to penury. The crown of the wise
 25 *is* their riches: *but* the folly of fools *remains* folly. A true witness
 26 delivereth souls: but a deceitful *witness* uttereth² falsehoods. In
 the fear of the Eternal *is* strong confidence: and his children shall
 27 have a place of refuge. The fear of the Eternal *is* a fountain of life,
 28 to depart from the snares of death. In the multitude of people *is* the
 king's honour: but in the want of people³ *is* the overthrow of a
 29 prince. *He that is* slow to wrath *is* of great understanding: but *he*
 30 *that is* hasty of spirit exalteth folly. A sound heart *is* the life of the
 31 flesh: but envy the rottenness of the bones. He that wrongeth *the*
 poor reproacheth his Maker: but he that honoureth him bath mercy
 32 on *the* needy. *The wicked* is driven away in his wickedness: but
 33 *the righteous* is trustful in his very death. Wisdom resteth in the
 heart of him that hath understanding: but *that which is* in the midst
 34 of fools is made known. Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin
 35 *is* a reproach⁴ to any people. The king's favour is toward a wise
 servant: but his wrath is *against* him that causeth shame.

1 CHAP. XV.—A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words
 2 stir up anger. The tongue of *the wise* maketh knowledge pleasing:
 3 but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness. The eyes of the
 4 Eternal *are* in every place, beholding evil and good ones. Gentle-
 ness of tongue *is* a tree of life: but perverseness therein *is* a
 5 breach in the spirit. A fool despiseth his father's corrections: but
 6 he that heedeth reproof becometh prudent. In the house of *the*
 righteous *is* much treasure: but in the revenues of *the* wicked is
 7 trouble. The lips of *the wise* disperse knowledge: but the heart of
 8 fools *doeth* not so. The sacrifice of wicked ones *is* an abomination
 9 to the Eternal: but the prayer of upright ones *is* his delight. The
 way of wicked ones *is* an abomination unto the Eternal: but he
 10 loveth him that pursueth righteousness. Correction is grievous unto
 him that forsaketh a path; *and* he that hateth reproof shall die.
 11 *The grave* and destruction *are* before the Eternal: how much more

¹ sorrow.

² bloweth forth.

³ a race.

⁴ a wicked thing.

PROVERBS XV., XVI.

12 then the hearts of the children of men? A scorner loveth not one
 13 that reproveth him: neither will he go unto wise ones. A merry
 heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the
 14 spirit is stricken. The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh
 15 knowledge: but the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness. All the
 days of the afflicted¹ are evil: but he that is of a merry heart *hath*
 16 a continual feast. Better *is* little with the fear of the Eternal than
 17 great treasure and confusion therewith. Better *is* a ration of herbs
 18 where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith. A wrathful
 man stirreth up strife: but *he that is* slow to anger appeaseth strife.
 19 The way of the slothful *man is* as a hedge of thorns: but the path of
 20 upright ones *is* made plain. A wise son rejoiceth *his* father: but a
 21 foolish man despiseth his mother. Folly *is* joy to *him that is* desti-
 tute of wisdom: but a man of understanding walketh uprightly.
 22 Relinquish² purposes where there is no deliberation: but through a
 23 multitude of counsellors thou wilt stand. A man hath joy by the
 answer of his mouth: and a word *spoken* in due season, how good *is*
 24 *it!* The path of life *is* upwards for him that understandeth, that he
 25 may depart from *the* grave beneath. The Eternal will break down
 the house of proud ones: but he will establish the border of *the*
 26 widow. The thoughts of an evil one *are* an abomination to the
 27 Eternal: but *the words* of pure ones *are* pleasant words. He that is
 greedy of gain troubleth his own house; but he that hateth gifts shall
 28 live. The heart of *the* righteous studieth to answer: but the mouth
 29 of wicked ones poureth out evil things. The Eternal *is* far from
 30 wicked ones: but he heareth the prayers of righteous ones. Light
 to eyes *is what* rejoiceth the heart: *and* a good report maketh *the*
 31 bones fat. An ear that heareth the reproof of life abideth among
 32 wise ones. He that casteth off instruction despiseth his own soul:
 33 but he that heareth reproof getteth understanding. The fear of the
 Eternal *is* the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility.

1 CHAP. XVI.—Man's *are* the propositions of the heart, but from the
 2 Eternal comes the answer to the tongue's *request*. All the ways of
 a man *are* pure in his own eyes; but the Eternal weigheth spirits.
 3 Commit³ thy works unto the Eternal, and thy thoughts shall be
 4 established. The Eternal hath made all *things* for himself: yea,
 5 even the wicked for the day of evil. Every one *that is* proud⁴ in
 heart *is* an abomination to the Eternal: *though* hand *join* in hand, he
 6 shall not be unpunished. By mercy and truth iniquity is expiated:
 7 and by the fear of the Eternal *men* depart from evil. When a man's
 ways please the Eternal, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace
 8 with him. Better *is* a little with righteousness than great revenues
 9 without right. A man's heart deviseth his way: but the Eternal
 0 directeth⁵ his steps. Divination *is* on the lips of the king: his mouth

¹ poor.

² make void.

³ roll.

⁴ high.

⁵ prepareth.

PROVERBS XVI., XVII.

11 transgresseth not in judgment. A just weight and balance *are* the
 12 Eternal's: all the weights¹ of *the* bag *are* his work. *It is* an abo-
 mination to kings to commit wickedness: for a throne is established
 13 by righteousness. Righteous lips *are* the delight of kings; and he
 14 loveth them that speaketh right. The wrath of a king *is as* mes-
 15 sengers of death: but a wise man will pacify it. In the light of the
 king's countenance *is* life; and his favour *is as* a thick cloud of the
 16 latter rain. How much better *is it* to get wisdom than gold! and to
 17 get understanding rather to be chosen than silver! The highway of
 upright ones *is* to depart from evil: he that keepeth his way pre-
 18 serveth his soul. Pride *goeth* before destruction, and a haughty
 19 spirit before a fall.² Better *it is to be* of an humble spirit with lowly
 20 ones, than to divide spoil with proud ones. He that considereth well a
 matter shall find good: and whoso trusteth in the Eternal, happy *is*
 21 he. The wise in heart shall be called prudent: and the sweetness of
 22 the lips increaseth learning. Understanding is a well-spring of life
 23 unto its possessor: but the correction of fools *is* folly. The heart of
 the wise maketh his mouth understanding, and addeth learning to
 24 his lips. Pleasant words *are as* a honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and
 25 health to the bones. There is a way that seemeth right unto a man,
 26 but the end thereof *are* the ways of death. He that laboureth³ la-
 27 boureth for himself; for his mouth craveth it of him. A worthless
 28 man diggeth up evil: and in his lips *there is* as a burning fire. A
 froward man sendeth forth strife: and a whisperer separateth chief
 29 friends. A violent man enticeth his fellow, and leadeth him into
 30 the way *that is* not good. He shutteth his eyes to devise froward
 31 things: biting his lips he bringeth evil to pass. The hoary head *is*
 32 a crown of glory, it is to be found in the way of righteousness. *He*
that is slow to anger *is* better than a hero; and he that ruleth his
 33 spirit than he that taketh a city. The lot is shaken in the bosom;
 but the whole disposing thereof *is* of the Eternal.

1 CHAP. XVII.—Better *is* a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than
 2 a house full of sacrifices *with* strife. An understanding servant shall
 have rule over a son that causeth shame, and shall have part of the
 3 inheritance among *the* brethren. A fining pot *is* for the silver, and
 4 a furnace for the gold: but the Eternal trieth hearts. A wicked
 doer giveth heed to lips of iniquity; *and* a liar giveth ear to a tongue
 5 of mischief. Whoso mocketh the poor reproacheth his Maker: *and*
 6 he that is glad at calamities shall not be unpunished. Children's
 children *are* the crown of old men; and the glory of children *are*
 7 their fathers. The speech of excellency becometh not the base:
 8 much less a lying lip a noble. Bribery *is as* a precious stone⁴ in the
 eyes of him that hath it: whithersoever he turneth, he prospereth.
 9 He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth

¹ stones.

² stumbling.

³ the soul of the labourer.

⁴ a stone of favour.

PROVERBS XVII., XVIII.

10 a matter separateth *very* friends. A reproof entereth more into an
 11 understanding man than a hundred stripes into a fool. An evil man
 seeketh only rebellion: therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent
 12 forth against him. Let a bear robbed of her whelps meet a man, rather
 13 than a fool in his folly. Whoso returneth evil for good, evil shall not
 14 depart from his house. The beginning of strife *is as* when one letteth
 out water; therefore leave off contention, before it be meddled with.
 15 He that justifieth *the* wicked, and he that condemneth *the* just, even
 16 they both *are* abomination to the Eternal. Wherefore *is there* a price
 in the hand of a fool to get wisdom, seeing *he hath* no heart to it?
 17 The friend loveth at all times, and he becometh¹ a brother in adver-
 18 sity. A man void of understanding² striketh hands, *and* becometh
 19 surety for³ his friend. He loveth transgression that loveth strife: *and*
 20 he that raiseth high his entrance seeketh destruction. He that hath
 a froward heart findeth no good: and he that hath a perverse tongue
 21 falleth into mischief. He that begetteth a fool *doeth it* to his sorrow:
 22 and the father of *the* base hath no joy. A merry heart cheereth up
 23 the countenance: but a broken spirit drieth *the* bones. A wicked
man taketh bribery out of the bosom to pervert the ways of judg-
 24 ment. Wisdom *is* before him that hath understanding; but the eyes
 25 of a fool *see it* in the ends of the earth. A foolish son *is* a grief to
 26 his father, and bitterness to her that bare him. It is also not good
 27 to punish the righteous, *and* to punish nobles for uprightness. He
 that hath knowledge spareth his words: *and* a man of understanding
 28 *hath* a precious mind. Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is
 counted wise: *and* he that shutteth his lips *is esteemed* a man of
 understanding.

1 CHAP. XVIII.—A separatist seeketh after lust, he spurneth all
 2 counsel. A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his heart
 3 may discover itself. When *the* wicked cometh, *then* cometh also
 4 contempt, and with ignominy reproach. The words of a man's
 mouth *are as* deep waters, *and* the well-spring of wisdom *as* a flowing
 5 brook. *It is* not good to accept the person⁴ of the wicked, to over-
 6 throw *the* righteous in the judgment. A fool's lips enter into con-
 7 tention, and his mouth calleth for strokes. A fool's mouth *is* his
 8 destruction, and his lips *are* the snare of his soul. The words of a
 tale-bearer *are* as dainty morsels, and they go down into the inner-
 9 most parts of the belly. He also that is slothful in his work is
 10 brother to him that is a great waster. The name of the Eternal *is*
 11 a strong tower: *the* righteous runneth into it, and is safe. The rich
 man's wealth *is* his strong city, and as a high rampart in his own
 12 conceit. Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before
 13 honour *is* humility. He that answereth a matter before he heareth
 14 *it*, *it is* folly and shame unto him. The spirit of a man will sustain

¹ is born.

² heart.

³ before.

⁴ to raise the face.

PROVERBS XVIII., XIX.

15 his infirmity : but a wounded spirit who can bear ? The heart of *the*
 16 prudent getteth knowledge ; and the ear of *the* wise seeketh know-
 17 ledge. A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before
 18 great *men*. The first is just in his cause : but then cometh his
 19 fellow, and it is inquired into. The lot causeth contentions to cease,
 20 and parteth between mighty ones. A brother offended *is harder to*
 21 *be won* than a strong city : and *their* contentions *are* like the bars of
 22 a castle. A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his
 23 mouth : *and* with the produce of his lips shall he be filled. Death and
 24 life *are* in the power¹ of the tongue : and they that love it shall eat
 the fruit thereof. *Whoso* findeth a wife findeth a good *thing*, and
 obtaineth favour of the Eternal. *The* poor useth entreaties : but
 the rich answereth roughly. A multitude of friends is to a man's
 ruin : yet there is a friend *that* sticketh closer than a brother.

1 CHAP. XIX.—Better *is* the poor that walketh in his integrity, than
 2 *he that is* perverse in his lips, and is a fool. Also, *that* the soul *be*
 without knowledge, *it is* not good : and he that hasteneth with *his*
 3 feet sinneth. The foolishness of man perverteth his way : and his
 4 heart fretteth against the Eternal. Wealth addeth many friends ; but
 5 the poor is separated from his fellow. A false witness shall not be
 6 unpunished, and *he that* uttereth lies shall not escape. Many will
 7 entreat the favour of a noble : and every man *is* the friend of him
 8 that giveth gifts. All the brethren of *the* poor do hate him : how much
 9 more do his friends go far from him ? he that pursueth words getteth
 10 them. He that getteth wisdom² loveth his own soul : he that keepeth
 11 understanding shall find good. A false witness shall not be unpun-
 12 ished, and *he that* uttereth lies shall perish. Delight is not seemly
 13 for a fool : much less for a servant to have rule over princes. The
 14 discretion of a man deferreth his anger ; and *it is* his glory to pass
 15 over a transgression. The king's wrath *is* as the roaring of a lion ;
 16 but his favour *is* as dew upon the grass. A foolish son *is* a calamity
 17 to his father : and the contentions of a wife *are* a continual dropping.
 18 House and riches *are* the inheritance of fathers : and a prudent wife *is*
 19 from the Eternal. Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep ; and a remiss
 20 soul shall suffer hunger. He that keepeth a commandment keepeth
 21 his own soul ; *but* he that despiseth his ways shall die. He that is
 22 favourable to *the* poor lendeth unto the Eternal ; and his reward he
 will pay him. Chasten thy son while there is hope ; yet desire not³
 to have him put to death. A man of great wrath shall suffer punish-
 ment : for if thou deliver *him*, yet thou must do it again. Hear
 counsel, and receive correction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter
 end.⁴ *There are* many thoughts in a man's heart ; nevertheless *the*
 counsel of the Eternal, that shall stand. The ornament⁵ of a man *is*

¹ hand.

² a heart.

³ raise not thy soul.

⁴ remoteness.

⁵ desire.

PROVERBS XIX., XX.

23 his kindness ; and better a poor than a disappointing man.¹ The fear
 24 of the Eternal *tendeth* to life ; and *he that hath* it shall abide satis-
 25 fied ; he shall not be visited with evil. *When* a slothful *man* hath
 put² his hand in the platter, he will not even raise³ it to his mouth.
 25 Smite a scorner, and the simple will beware ; but reprove one that
 26 hath understanding, *and* he will learn⁴ knowledge. He that wasteth
his father, *and* chaseth away *his* mother, *is* a son that causeth shame,
 27 and bringeth ignominy. Cease, my son, to hear instruction *causing*
 28 to err from the words of knowledge. A worthless witness scorneth
 29 judgment : and the mouth of the wicked devoureth iniquity. Judg-
 ments are prepared for the scorers, and stripes for the back of fools.

1 CHAP. XX.—Wine *is* a mocker, strong drink *is* raging ; and who-
 2 soever erreth thereby is not wise. The terror of a king *is* as the
 roaring of a lion : *whoso* provoketh him to anger sinneth *against* his
 3 own soul. *It is* an honour for a man to cease⁵ from strife : but every
 4 fool fretteth himself. The sluggard will not plough by reason of winter ;
 5 *therefore* shall he beg in the harvest, and *have* nothing. Counsel in
 the heart of man *is like* deep water ; but a man of understanding will
 6 draw it out. Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness :
 7 but a faithful man who can find ? A righteous *man* walketh in his
 8 integrity : O happiness of his children after him. A king that
 sitteth in the throne of judgment scattereth away all evil with his
 9 eyes. Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from
 10 my sin ? Divers weights, *and* divers measures,⁶ both of them *are*
 11 alike abomination to the Eternal. Already in his actions is a boy
 12 known, whether his doing *be* pure, and whether *it be* right. A hear-
 ing ear, and a seeing eye, the Eternal hath made even both of them.
 13 Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty ; open thine eyes, *and*
 14 thou shalt be satisfied with bread. *It is* naught, *it is* naught, saith
 15 the buyer : but when he is gone his way, then he boasteth. There is
 gold, and a multitude of rubies : but the lips of knowledge *are* a
 16 precious jewel. Take⁷ his garment that is surety *for* a stranger : and
 17 take a pledge of him for an alien woman. Bread of deceit⁸ *is* sweet
 to a man ; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel.
 18 Thoughts are established by counsel : and with stratagems make
 19 war. He that goeth about *as* a tale-bearer revealeth secrets : there-
 fore enter into no compact with him that prateth with his lips.
 20 Whoso execrateth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out
 21 in the midst of darkness. An inheritance *may* be gotten hastily
 22 at the beginning ; but the end⁹ thereof shall not be blessed. Say
 not thou, I will recompense evil ; *but* wait on the Eternal, and he
 23 shall save thee. Divers weights¹⁰ *are* an abomination unto the Eternal ;
 24 and a false balance¹¹ *is* not good. Man's steps *are* of the Eternal ;
 25 but what does he know of his way ? *It is* a snare to a man to
 26 utter holiness, and afterwards to make enquiry into vows. A

¹ man of falsehood. ² hiddened. ³ restore. ⁴ understand ⁵ sit. ⁶ a stone and a stone,
 an ephah and an ephah. ⁷ he took. ⁸ lie. ⁹ remotness. ¹⁰ a stone and a stone.
¹¹ a balance of cunning.

PROVERBS XX., XXI.

wise king scattereth wicked ones, and bringeth a wheel over them.
 27 The spirit¹ of man *is* a lamp of the Eternal, searching all the inward
 28 parts² of the belly. Mercy and truth preserve a king: and his
 29 throne is upholden by the mercy. The ornament of young men *is*
 30 their strength: and the glory of old men *is* a grey head. Stripes
and wounds are a cleansing in evil: so *are* blows *for* the inward parts²
 of the belly.

1 CHAP. XXI.—A king's heart *is* in the hand of the Eternal, *as* rivulets
 2 of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will. Every way of a man *is*
 3 right in his own eyes: but the Eternal pondereth hearts. To do
 4 righteousness and judgment *is* more acceptable to the Eternal than
 5 sacrifice. Loftiness of eyes and haughtiness of heart *are* the lamp
 6 of *the* wicked *for* sin. The thoughts of the diligent *tend* only to
 7 plenteousness; but of every one *that is* hasty only to want. The
 8 getting of treasures by a lying tongue *is* a tremulous breath bringing³
 9 death. The robbery of the wicked shall destroy them; because they
 10 refuse to do judgment. The way of a guilt-laden man *is* froward:
 11 but *as for* the pure, his doing *is* right. Better sitting in a corner of
 12 a roof, than a brawling woman and a house jointly possessed.⁴ The
 13 soul of the wicked desireth evil: his fellow findeth no favour in his eyes.
 14 When the scorner is punished, the simple is made wise: and by
 15 attending to *the* wise, he receiveth knowledge. A righteous man
 16 attentively regarding the house of a wicked one, overturneth *the* wicked
 17 for *their* evil. Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of *the* poor, he also
 18 shall cry himself, but shall not be answered. A gift in secret pacifieth
 19 anger: and bribery in the bosom strong wrath. *It is* joy to the
 20 righteous to do judgment: but dismay to the workers of iniquity.
 21 A man that wandereth out of the way of understanding shall rest
 22 in the congregation of the departed. He that loveth pleasure⁵ *shall*
 23 be a man in want: he that loveth wine and ointments⁶ shall not be rich.
 24 A wicked one *shall be* a ransom for the righteous; and a faithless one
 25 for upright ones. Better abiding in a desert land than with a brawl-
 26 ing and provoking woman. *There is* treasure to be desired and oil
 27 in the dwelling of *the* wise; but a foolish man spendeth⁷ it up. He
 28 that pursueth righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness,
 29 and honour. A wise man scaleth⁸ the city of the mighty, and casteth
 30 down the strength of the confidence thereof. Whoso keepeth his
 31 mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles. *The* presum-
 32 ptuous proud—scorner is his name—acts in the indignation of *his* pre-
 33 sumption. The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands
 34 refuse to labour. He coveteth greedily all the day long: and the
 35 righteous giveth and holdeth not back. The sacrifice of the wicked
 36 *is* abomination: how much more, *when* he bringeth it with a wicked
 37 device. A false witness shall perish: but a man that listeneth speaketh
 38 to what is established.⁹ A wicked man showeth defiance in his face:
 39 but *as for* the upright, he understandeth his way. *There is* no wis-

¹ breath. ² chambers. ³ seeking. ⁴ fellowship. ⁵ joy. ⁶ oil. ⁷ swalloweth.
⁸ goeth up. ⁹ for ever.

PROVERBS XXI., XXII.

31 dom, nor understanding, nor counsel against the Eternal. A horse is prepared against the day of battle:¹ but the salvation *is* of the Eternal.

1 CHAP. XXII.—A *good* name is rather to be chosen than great riches,
 2 *and* loving² favour rather than silver and gold. Rich and poor meet
 3 together: the Eternal is the maker of them all. A prudent *man*
 4 seeth an evil, and screeneth himself: but simple ones pass on, and
 5 are punished. A consequence of humility *is* fear of the Eternal,
 6 *also* riches, honour, and life. Thorns and snares *are* in the way
 7 of the froward: let him that doth keep his soul be far from them.
 8 Adapt for the boy his way according to my advice;³ and when he is
 9 old, he will not depart from it. The rich ruleth over the poor, and a
 10 borrower *is* servant to a lender. He that soweth iniquity shall reap
 11 mischief: and the rod of his anger shall fail. He that hath a boun-
 12 tiful eye shall be blessed: for he giveth of his bread to the indigent.
 13 Cast out a scorner, and contention shall go out; yea, strife and
 14 ignominy shall cease. He that loveth him that is of a pure heart
 15 grace is upon his lips, his friend is a king. The eyes of the Eternal
 16 preserve knowledge, and he perverteth the words of a traitor. A
 17 slothful *man* saith, *There is a lion without, I shall be murdered in*
 18 *open places.* The mouth of strange women *is* a deep pit: he that is
 19 execrated by the Eternal shall fall therein. Foolishness *is* bound in
 20 the heart of a boy; *but* the rod of correction shall drive it far from
 21 him. He that wrongeth the indigent to increase his *own*, giveth to
 22 the rich, *he shall* surely come to want. Incline thine ear, and hear the
 23 words of the sages, and set thy heart upon my knowledge. For *it is*
 24 a pleasant thing if thou keep them within thee;⁴ they shall withal
 25 be fitted in thy lips. That thy trust may be in the Eternal, I have
 26 have made known to thee this day, even to thee. Have not I written
 27 to thee excellent things in counsels and knowledge, That I might
 28 make thee know the certainty of the words of truth; that thou
 29 mightest answer words *in* truth to them that send unto thee? Rob
 30 not the indigent, because he *is* indigent: neither crush the poor
 31 in the gate: For the Eternal will plead their cause, and spoil the
 32 soul of those that spoiled them. Associate not thyself with the
 33 irascible; and with a wrathful man thou shalt not go: Lest thou
 34 become accustomed to his ways,⁵ and get a snare to thy soul. Be
 35 not thou *one* of them that strike hands, *or* of them that are sureties
 36 for loans. If thou hast nothing to pay, why should he take away
 37 thy bed from under thee? Remove not the ancient landmark,
 38 which thy fathers have set. Seest thou a man diligent in his work?
 39 he shall place himself before kings; he shall not place himself before
 40 obscure *men*.

¹ war.

² good.

³ mouth.

⁴ in thy belly.

⁵ paths.

PROVERBS XXIII.

1 CHAP. XXIII.—When thou sittest to eat with a ruler, consider dili-
 2 gently what *is* before thee: And put a knife to thy gullet if thou
 3 art of a greedy nature. Do not lust after his dainties: for they are
 4 deceitful meat.¹ Labour not to be rich; cease from thine own wis-
 5 dom.² Will thine eyes skim³ over it? it is no more: for it will
 6 certainly make itself wings, fly as an eagle towards heaven. Eat
 7 thou not the bread of *him that hath* an evil eye, neither lust after
 8 his dainty meats: For as he thinketh in his heart, so *is* he: Eat
 9 and drink saith he to thee; but his heart *is* not with thee. Thy
 10 bread *which* thou hast eaten shalt thou vomit up, and waste⁴ thy
 11 sweet words. Speak not in the ears of a fool: for he will despise
 12 the wisdom of thy words. Remove not the old landmark; and enter
 13 not into the fields of *the* fatherless: for their redeemer *is* strong; he
 14 shall plead their cause with thee. Apply⁵ thy heart unto correction,
 15 and thine ears to the words of knowledge. Withhold not correction
 16 from a boy: for *if* thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die.
 17 Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from *the*
 18 grave. My son, if thy heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice, even
 19 mine. Yea, my reins shall exult, when thy lips speak right things.
 20 Let not thy heart envy the sinners: but *be thou* in the fear of the
 21 Eternal all the day long. For surely there is a future;⁶ and thy
 22 hope shall not be cut off. Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and
 23 guide thy heart in the way. Be not among winebibbers, who de-
 24 grade their own body;⁷ For a drunkard and a contemner shall come
 25 to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe *a man* with rags. Hearken
 26 unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when
 27 she is old. Acquire truth, and sell *it* not; *also* wisdom, and correction,
 28 and insight: The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and
 29 he that begetteth a wise *child* shall have joy of him. Thy father and
 30 thy mother shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoice. My
 31 son, give me thy heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways. For a
 harlot *is* a deep ditch; and an alien woman *is* a narrow well. She
 also lieth in wait like a robber, and increaseth faithless ones among
 men. Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions?
 who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath
 redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to
 try spiced wine. Look not thou upon wine, though it may sparkle;⁸
 if any set his eye on the cup he will wander about in the straightest

¹ bread of falsehoods.

² insight.

³ fly.

⁴ spoil.

⁵ bring.

⁶ remoteness.

⁷ flesh.

⁸ is red.

PROVERBS XXIII., XXIV.

32 path. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like a viper.
 33 Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter
 34 perverse things. Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the
 35 midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast. They
 have stricken me, *shalt thou say, and I was not sick*; they have
 beaten me, *and I knew it not*: when shall I awake? I will seek it yet
 again.

1 CHAP. XXIV.—Be not thou envious against evil men, neither desire
 2 to be with them. For their heart meditateth destruction, and their
 3 lips talk of mischief. By wisdom is a house built; and by under-
 4 standing it is established: and by knowledge shall the chambers be
 5 filled with all precious and pleasant riches. A wise man *acteth* with
 6 resolution,¹ and a man of knowledge exerteth his strength. For by
 stratagem thou shalt make thy war: and in multitude of counsellors
 7 *there is* salvation. Wisdom *is* too high for a fool: he openeth not
 8 his mouth in the gate. He that deviseth to do evil shall be called a
 9 mischievous person.² The thought of foolishness *is* sin: and the
 10 scorner *is* an abomination to men. *If* thou faint in the day of
 11 adversity, thy strength *is* small. If thou forbear to deliver *them*
 12 *that are* drawn unto the death, and *those that* totter to be slain; If
 thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not he that pondereth the
 heart consider *it*? and he that guardeth thy soul he knows, and shall
 13 render to every man according to his doing. My son, eat thou
 honey, because *it is* good; and honeycomb *which* is sweet to thy
 14 palate: Thus acquire³ wisdom for thy soul: when thou hast found
it, then there shall be a reward,⁴ and thy expectation shall not be cut
 15 off. Lay not wait, O wicked man, against the abode of a righteous
 16 one; spoil not his resting-place: For a righteous *man* falleth seven
 times, and riseth up again; but the wicked shall stumble into mis-
 17 chief. Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thy heart
 18 be glad when he stumbleth: Lest the Eternal see *it*, and it dis-
 19 please him, and he turn away his wrath from him. Fret not thyself
 because of the evil doers, neither be thou envious at the wicked;
 20 For there shall be no reward⁴ to the evil *man*; the candle of wicked
 21 ones shall be put out. My son, fear thou the Eternal and *the* king:
 22 *and* meddle not with them that are given to change: For their
 calamity shall rise suddenly; and who knoweth the ruin of them
 23 both? These *things* also *belong* to the wise. *It is* not good to have
 24 respect of persons⁵ in judgment. He that saith unto wicked ones,
 Thou *art* righteous; him shall people curse, races shall execrate
 25 him: But to them that rebuke *him* shall be delight, and a good
 26 blessing shall come upon them. *Every man* shall kiss *his* lips that
 27 giveth apposite answers.⁶ Prepare thy work without, and make it

¹ might.

² master of intrigues.

³ know.
⁶ words.

⁴ remoteness.

⁵ recognise a face.

PROVERBS XXIV., XXV.

28 fit for thyself in the field ; and afterwards build thy house. Be not
 a witness against thy fellow without cause ; for wouldst thou deceive
 29 with thy lips ? Say not, I will do so to him as he hath done to me :
 30 I will render to the man according to his doing. I went by the field
 of a slothful man, and by the vineyard of a person void of under-
 31 standing ;¹ And, lo, there had sprung up all over thorns, *and* nettles
 had covered the face thereof, and the stone fence thereof was broken
 32 down. Then I saw, *and* took² it to heart ; I looked upon it, *and*
 33 received instruction.³ Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little
 34 folding of the hands to lie down. So shall thy impoverishment come
 as a traveller ; and thy want as an armed man.

1 CHAP. XXV.—These *are* also maxims of Solomon, which the men of
 2 Hezekiah, king of Judah, copied out. *It is* the glory of God to
 conceal a thing : but the honour of kings *is* to search out a thing.
 3 Heaven for height and earth for depth, yet the heart of kings is un-
 4 searchable. Take away dross from silver, and there shall come
 5 forth a vessel for the finer. Take away a wicked one *from* before a
 king, and his throne shall be established in the righteousness.
 6 Glory not thyself in the presence of the king, and stand not in the
 7 place of great *men* : For better *it is* that it be said unto thee, Come
 up hither ; than that thou shouldest be put lower in the presence of
 8 a noble, which thine eyes have *also* seen. Go not forth hastily to
 strive ; consider what thou wilt do in the end thereof, when thy
 9 fellow hath put thee to shame. Plead thy cause with thy fellow ;
 10 yet the secret of another discover not : Lest he that heareth *it* put
 11 thee to shame, and thine infamy turn not away. A word fitly
 12 spoken *is like* apples of gold with figures of silver. *As* a pendant of
 gold, and an ornament of fine gold, *so is* a wise reprover upon an
 13 obedient ear. As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, *so is* a
 faithful messenger to them that send him : for he refresheth⁴ the soul
 14 of his masters. Whoso boasteth himself of a false gift *is like* clouds
 15 and wind without rain. By long forbearing is a chief persuaded,
 16 and a soft tongue breaketh a bone. Hast thou found honey ? eat so
 much as is sufficient for thee, lest thou be sated therewith, and vomit
 17 it. Set thy foot seldom in thy fellow's house ; lest he be weary⁵ of
 18 thee, and so hate thee. A man that speaketh⁶ as a false witness
 19 against his fellow *is* a maul, and a sword, and a sharp arrow. Con-
 fidence in a faithless man in time of trouble *is like* a broken tooth,
 20 and a slipping foot. *As* he that taketh off a garment on a day of
 frost, *and as* vinegar upon nitre, *so is* he that singeth the songs to a
 21 heavy⁷ heart. If he that hateth thee be hungry, give him bread to
 22 eat ; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink : For thou shalt
 heap burning coals upon his head, and the Eternal will reward thee.
 23 A north wind begetteth a shower : and an angry countenance a back-

¹ heart. ² set. ³ took correction. ⁴ restoreth. ⁵ sated. ⁶ answereth. ⁷ evil.

PROVERBS XXV., XXVI.

24 biting tongue.¹ Better sitting in a corner of a roof, than with a
 25 brawling woman and a house jointly possessed. *As* cold waters to a
 26 thirsty soul, so *is* good news from a far country. A righteous *man*
 27 sinking before a wicked one, *is as* a fouled fountain, and a corrupt
 28 spring. *It is* not good to eat much honey: and the pursuit² of glory
 is glory. He that *hath* no control over his own spirit *is like* a city
that is broken down, *and* without a rampart.

1 CHAP. XXVI.—As the snow in the summer, and as the rain in the
 2 harvest, so honour is not seemly for a fool. As the bird *is ready* to
 flee, as the swallow to fly away, so a causeless execration, it shall not
 3 come. A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass, and a rod for the
 4 fool's back. Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also
 5 be like unto him. Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he
 6 be wise in his own eyes. He that sendeth word by the hand of a
 7 fool cutteth off feet, *and* drinketh damage.³ *The* thighs languidly
 hang down from *the* lame: so *is* a parable in the mouth of fools.
 8 As a bundle of *precious* stones in a stone-heap, so *is* he that giveth
 9 honour to a fool. *As* a thorn goes up in the hand of a drunkard, so
 10 *is* a parable in the mouth of fools. A master maketh all writhe, but he
 11 that hireth a fool hireth passers by. As a dog returneth to his vomit,
 12 so a fool repeateth his folly. Seest thou a man wise in his own eyes?
 13 *there is* more hope of a fool than of him. A slothful *man* saith,
 14 *There is* a lion in the way; a lion *is* between the streets. The door
 15 turneth upon its hinges, and a slothful *man* upon his bed. The
 slothful putteth his hand in a platter, he is too weary to bring
 16 it again to his mouth. The sluggard *is* wiser in his own eyes than
 17 seven *men* that can render a reason.⁴ He that passeth by, *and*
 is exasperated at strife *belonging* not to him, *is like* one that
 18 taketh a dog by the ears. As a mad *man* who shooteth missiles,
 19 fiery arrows, and death, So *is* the man *that* deceiveth his
 20 fellow, and saith, am not I in sport? Where no wood is, *there* fire
 goeth out: so where *there is* no talebearer, contention ceaseth.
 21 Coal to embers,⁵ and wood to fire; so a contentious man to kindle strife.
 22 The words of a talebearer *are* as dainty morsels, and they go down
 23 into the innermost parts of the belly. Burning lips and a wicked
 24 heart *are like* a potsherd covered with silver dross. He that hateth
 25 dissembleth with his lips, and layeth up deceit within him; However
 gentle his voice, believe him not: for *there are* seven abominations
 26 in his heart. *Whose* hatred is covered by deceit, his wickedness shall
 27 be shown before the *whole* congregation. Whoso diggeth a pit shall
 28 fall therein: and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him. A
 lying tongue hateth *those* crushed by it; and a flattering mouth
 worketh ruin.

¹ a tongue of secrecy.

² search.

³ violence.

⁴ discretion.

⁵ burning coals.

PROVERBS XXVII., XXVIII.

1 CHAP. XXVII.—Boast not thyself of to-morrow; for thou knowest
2 not what a day may bring forth. Let another *man* praise thee, and
3 not thine own mouth; a stranger,¹ and not thine own lips. The
heaviness of a stone, and the weight of the sand—but grief by a fool
4 *is* heavier than them both. The cruelty of fury, and the vehemence
5 of wrath—but who *is* able to stand before envy? Open rebuke *is*
6 better than secret love. Faithful *are* the wounds of a friend, but the
7 kisses of an enemy *are* abundant. The full soul loatheth a honey-
8 comb; but to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet. As a bird
that wandereth from her nest, so *is* a man that wandereth from his
9 place. Oil and incense rejoice the heart: but the sweetness of one's
10 friend² more than the counsel of *his* soul. Thine own friend,² and
thy father's friend,³ forsake not; neither go into thy brother's house
in the day of thy calamity: better *is* a neighbour *that is* near than a
11 brother afar off. My son, be wise, and make my heart glad, that I
12 may answer him that reproacheth me. A prudent *man* foreseeth an
evil, *and* hideth himself; *but* simple ones pass on, *and* are pun-
13 ished. Take his garment, for he was surety for a stranger; and take
14 a pledge of him for a strange woman. He that saluteth his friend
with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, it shall be counted a
15 curse to him. A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a
16 contentious woman are alike. Whosoever hideth her hideth the wind,
17 and he calleth for the oil of his right hand. Iron sharpeneth iron; so
18 a man sharpeneth the countenance of his fellow. Whoso keepeth a
fig tree shall eat the fruit thereof: so he that guardeth his master
19 shall be honoured. As in the water face *answereth* to face, so the
20 heart of man to man. *The* grave and destruction are never satisfied;
21 so the eyes of man are never satisfied. *As* a fining pot to the silver,
and a furnace to the gold; so should a man be to the mouth of his
22 eulogist. Though thou shouldest bray the fool in the mortar among
the ground corn with the pestle, *yet* will not his foolishness depart
23 from him. Be thou diligent to know the state³ of thy flocks, *and*
24 look well⁴ to thy herds. For riches *are* not for ever: and doth a
25 crown *endure* from age to age? *When* hay is gone, and tender grass
26 sheweth itself, then must herbs of mountains be gathered. Lambs
27 *are* for thy clothing, and he-goats *are* the price of a field. And *thou*
shalt have goats' milk enough for thy food,⁵ for the food of thy house-
hold, and *for* maintenance⁶ for thy maidens.

1 CHAP. XXVIII.—*The* wicked flee although no one pursueth; but
2 *the* righteous are confident like a young lion. Through rebellion⁷ of
a land many *are* the princes thereof: but by a man of understanding
3 *and* knowledge what is established shall endure. A tyrant⁸ of *the*
impoverished, and an oppressor of *the* indigent *is like* a sweeping rain

² fellow.

⁴ set thy heart.

⁶ life.

8 man.

PROVERBS XXVIII., XXIX.

4 which leaveth no food.¹ They that forsake *the* law praise *the*
5 wicked: but such as keep *the* law contend with them. Evil men
understand not judgment: but they that seek the Eternal understand
6 all *things*. Better *is the* impoverished that walketh in his integrity,
7 than *he that is* perverse *in his* ways, though he *be* rich. Whoso
preserveth *the* law *is* an understanding son: but he that is a com-
8 panion² of gluttons shameth his father. He that by usury and unjust
gain³ increaseth his substance, he shall gather it for the charitable to
9 the poor. He that turneth away his ear from hearing *the* law, even
10 his prayer is abomination. Whoso causeth *the* upright to go astray
in an evil way, he shall fall himself into his own pit: but the perfect
11 shall inherit what is good. A rich man *is* wise in his own eyes; but
12 *the* poor that hath understanding searcheth him out. When right-
eous *men* do exult, *there is* great splendour: but when the wicked
13 rise, a man hath to be sought after. He that covereth his transgressions
shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh *them* shall have
14 mercy. O happiness of the man that feareth alway: but he that
15 hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief. As a roaring lion, and a
16 ranging bear; so *is* a wicked ruler over a poor people. A chief that
wanteth understanding *is* also a great oppressor; but he that hateth
17 covetousness shall prolong *his* days. A man oppressed for the guilt
of blood⁴—should he flee to the very pit, let them not uphold him.
18 Whoso walketh upright shall be saved: but *he that is* perverse *in*
19 *his* ways shall fall at once. He that tilleth his ground shall be satis-
fied with bread: but he that followeth after vain *persons* shall have
20 poverty enough. A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he
21 that maketh haste to be rich shall not be guiltless. To have respect
of persons⁵ is not good: for a morsel of bread a man will transgress.
22 A man of an evil eye hasteth to be rich, and considereth not that want
23 shall come upon him. He that rebuketh a man after me shall find
24 more favour than he that flattereth with the tongue. Whoso robbeth
his father or his mother, and saith, *It is* no transgression; the same *is*
25 the companion of a destroyer. He that is of a proud heart stirreth
up strife: but he that putteth his trust in the Eternal shall be made
26 fat. He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh
27 wisely, he shall escape. He that giveth unto the impoverished shall
28 not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse. When
the wicked rise, men hide themselves: but when they perish, *the*
righteous increase.

1 CHAP. XXIX.—The man of rebukes that hardeneth his neck, shall
2 suddenly be destroyed,⁶ and that without remedy. When the right-
eous increase, the people rejoice: but when *the* wicked beareth rule,
3 a people groaneth. A man loving wisdom rejoiceth his father: but
4 he that keepeth company with harlots spendeth *his* substance. A
king by judgment establisheth a land: but he that receiveth gifts⁷
5 overthroweth it. A man that flattereth his fellow spreadeth a net
6 for his feet. In the transgression of an evil man *there is* a snare: but

¹ bread.

² feeder.

³ increase.

⁴ for the blood of a soul.

⁵ to recognise a face.

⁶ broken.

⁷ a man of heave-offerings.

PROVERBS XXIX., XXX.

7 the righteous doth shout and rejoice. *The* righteous considereth the
 8 cause of *the* poor : but *the* wicked regardeth not to know *it*. Scorn-
 9 ful men inflame a city : but wise *men* turn away wrath. *If* a wise
 man contendeth with a foolish man, whether he rage or laugh, *there*
 10 is no rest. Bloodthirsty persons hate *the* pious : and as for *the*
 11 upright, they seek his soul. A fool uttereth all his mind : but a wise
 12 *man* controlleth it till afterwards. *If* a ruler hearken to lies, all his
 13 ministers are wicked. The poor and the deceitful man meet toge-
 14 ther : the Eternal lighteneth both their eyes. A king that faithfully
 15 judgeth the poor, his throne shall be established for ever. A rod
 and reproof give wisdom : but a child left¹ to *himself* bringeth his
 16 mother to shame. When the wicked increase, transgression in-
 17 creaseth : but the righteous shall see their fall. Chastise thy son,
 and he shall give thee rest ; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.
 18 Where *there is* no vision, the people becometh unruly : but he that
 19 keepeth the law, happy *is* he. A servant will not be corrected by
 20 words : for though he understand he will not answer. Seest thou a
 man *that is* hasty in his words ? *there is* more hope of a fool than of
 21 him. He that delicately bringeth up his servant from a child shall
 22 have him become *his* son at the length. An angry man stirreth up
 23 strife, and a furious man aboundeth in transgression. A man's pride
 shall bring him low : but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit.
 24 Whoso is partner with a thief hateth his own soul : he heareth *the*
 25 adjuration, and telleth *it* not. The dread of man bringeth a
 snare ; but whoso putteth his trust in the Eternal shall be safe.
 26 Many seek the ruler's favour ;² but *every* man's judgment *cometh* from
 27 the Eternal. An unjust man *is* an abomination to the just : and *he*
that is upright in the way *is* abomination to *the* wicked.

1 CHAP. XXX.—The words of Agur the son of Jakeh, *even* the burden :
 the declaration of the man unto Ithiel, even unto Ithiel and Ucal.
 2 Surely *I am* more brutish than *any* man, and have not the under-
 3 standing of a man. I neither learned wisdom, nor have the know-
 4 ledge of holy ones. Who hath ascended up into heaven, or de-
 scended ? who hath gathered wind in his fist ? who hath bound waters
 in the garment ? who hath established all the ends of the earth ? what
 5 *is* his name, and what *is* his son's name, if thou knowest ? Every
 word of God *is* refined : he *is* a shield unto them that put their trust
 6 in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou
 7 be found a liar. Two *things* have I asked of thee ; deny me *them*
 8 not before I die : Remove far from me vanity and lies : give me
 9 neither poverty nor riches ; feed me with food assigned to me : Lest
 I be full, and deny *thee*, and say, Who *is* the Eternal ? or lest I be
 impoverished, and steal, and take³ the name of my God *in vain*.
 10 Accuse⁴ not a servant unto his master, lest he curse thee, and thou

¹ sent forth.

² face.

³ seize.

⁴ slander.

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11 incur guilt. *There is* a generation *that* curse their father, and
 12 do not bless their mother. *There is* a generation *that* are pure in
 13 their own eyes, and *yet are* not washed from their filthiness. *There is* a
 14 generation, O how lofty are their eyes! and their eyelids are lifted
 15 up. *There is* a generation whose teeth *are as* swords, and their jaw
 16 teeth *as* knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy
 17 from *among* men. Alukah hath two daughters, *crying*, Give, give.
 18 There are three *things that* are never satisfied, *yea*, four *things* say
 19 not, *It is* enough: *The* grave; and a barren womb; earth *that is*
 20 not filled with water; and fire *that* saith not, *It is* enough. The eye
 21 *that* mocketh at *his* father, and despiseth to obey *his* mother, the
 22 ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat
 23 it. There are three *things which* are too wonderful for me, *yea*, four
 24 which I know not: The way of the eagle in the air;¹ the way of a
 25 serpent upon a rock; the way of a ship in the midst of a sea; and the
 26 way of a man with a young woman. Such *is* the way of an adulterous
 27 woman; she eateth, and wipeth her mouth, and saith, I have done
 28 no wrong. For three *things* a land is disquieted, and for four *which*
 29 it cannot bear: For a servant when he reigneth; and a base one
 30 when he is filled with meat; For an odious *woman* when she is
 31 married; and a handmaid that is heir to her mistress. There *are*
 32 four *things which* are little upon earth, but they *are* exceeding wise:
 33 The ants *are* a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the
 summer; The conies *are* a people not mighty, yet make they their
 houses in the rocks; The locusts have no king, yet go they forth
 all of them by bands; A spider thou mayest catch with *the* hands,
 and is in kings' palaces. There *are* three *things* which go well, *yea*,
 four are comely in going: A lion *which is* strongest among the
 beasts, and turneth not away for any; *The* loin-girt; a he-goat
 also; and a king, against whom *there is* no rising up. If thou hast
 done basely in lifting up thyself, or if thou hast thought evil, *lay* thy
 33 hand upon thy mouth. Surely the churning² of milk bringeth forth
 butter, and the wringing² of the nose bringeth forth blood: so the
 forcing² of wrath bringeth forth strife.

1 CHAP. XXXI.—Words of King Lemuel, the burden that his
 2 mother taught³ him. What *hast thou to observe*, my son? and what,
 3 son of my womb? and what, the son of my vows? Give not thy
 4 strength unto women, nor thy ways to blot out kings. *It is* not for

¹ heaven.

² squeezing.

³ chastised.

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kings; O Lemuel, *it is* not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes
 5 to covet strong drink: Lest they drink, and forget what is estab-
 6 lished, and alter *the* verdict of any of the afflicted. Give strong
 drink unto him that errs about, and wine unto those that *are* of heavy¹
 7 hearts. Let him drink, and forget his impoverishment, and remem-
 8 ber his misery no more. Open thy mouth for the dumb in the cause
 9 of all such as are appointed to destruction. Open thy mouth, judge
 10 righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy. Who can
 11 find a virtuous woman? for her price *is* far above rubies. The heart
 of her husband doth safely trust in her, and he shall not lack gain.
 12 She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.
 13 She looketh for wool and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.
 14 She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.
 15 She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her house-
 16 hold, and a portion to her maidens. She considereth a field, and
 17 buyeth² it: with the fruit of her hand she planteth a vineyard. She
 18 girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms. She
 perceiveth that her merchandise *is* good: her lamp goeth out by
 19 night. She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the
 20 distaff. She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth
 21 forth her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of the snow for her
 22 household: for all her household *are* clothed with scarlet. She
 maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing *is* fine linen and red
 23 purple. Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among
 24 the elders of the land. She maketh shirts, and selleth *them*; and
 25 delivereth girdles unto the Canaanite. Strength and honour *are* her
 26 clothing; and she laugheth at the coming day. She openeth her
 27 mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue *is* the law of kindness. She
 looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread
 28 of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband
 29 *also*, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously,
 30 but thou excellest them all. Favour *is* deceitful, and beauty *is* vain:
 31 *but* a woman *that* feareth the Eternal, she shall be praised. Give
 her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the
 gates.

¹ bitter.

² taketh.

THE BOOK OF JOB.

1 CHAP. I.—There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name *was* Job ;
and that man was plain and upright, and one that feared God, and
2 eschewed evil. And there were born unto him seven sons and three
3 daughters. His possession also was seven thousand sheep, and three
thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred
she asses, and very many domestics ; so that this man was great above
4 all sons of the east. And his sons went and made a feast *in their*
houses, every one his day ; and sent and called for their three sisters
5 to eat and to drink with them. And it was so, when the days of
their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them,
and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings *accord-*
ing to the number of them all : for Job said, It may be that my sons
have sinned, and cursed¹ God in their hearts. Thus did Job con-
6 tinually.² Now there was the day when the sons of God came to
present³ themselves before the Eternal, and the obstructor came also
7 among them. And the Eternal said unto the obstructor, Whence
comest thou ? Then the obstructor answered the Eternal, and said,
From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down
8 in it. And the Eternal said unto the obstructor, Hast thou marked
my servant Job, that *there is* none like him in the earth, a plain and
9 an upright man, one that feareth God and escheweth evil ? Then
the obstructor answered the Eternal, and said, Doth Job fear God
10 for nought ? Hast not thou made a hedge about him, and about his
house, and about all that he hath on every side ? thou hast blessed
the work of his hands, and his possession is increased in the land.
11 But put forth thy hand now, and touch all that he hath, if he does
12 not curse⁴ thee to thy face And the Eternal said unto the ob-
structor, Behold, all that he hath *is* in thy power ; only upon himself
put not forth thy hand. So the obstructor went forth from the pre-
13 sence of the Eternal. And there was the day when his sons and his
daughters *were* eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's
14 house : And there came a messenger unto Job, and said, The oxen
15 were ploughing, and the she-asses were feeding beside them : And

¹ blessed ² all the days. ³ place. ⁴ bless.

JOB I., II.

Sabeans fell *upon them*, and took them away; yea, they have smitten the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped
 16 alone to tell thee. While he *was* yet speaking, there came also another, and said, A fire of God is fallen from the heaven, and hath burned up the flock, and the servants, and consumed them; and I
 17 only am escaped alone to tell thee. While he *was* yet speaking, there came also another, and said, Chaldeans made out three bands, and fell upon the camels, and have carried them away, yea, and smitten the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am
 18 escaped alone to tell thee. While he *was* yet speaking, there came also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters *were* eating and
 19 drinking wine in their eldest brother's house: And, behold, there came a great wind from the side of the desert, and smote¹ the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are
 20 dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. Then Job arose, and rent his robe, and cut off *the hair* of his head, and fell down upon
 21 the ground, and prostrated himself, And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the Eternal gave, and the Eternal hath taken away; blessed be the name of the
 22 Eternal. In all this Job sinned not, nor charged² God impiously.

1 CHAP. II.—Now there was the day when the sons of God came to present³ themselves before the Eternal, and the obstructor came also
 2 among them to present³ himself before the Eternal. And the Eternal said unto the obstructor, From whence comest thou? and the obstructor answered the Eternal, From going to and fro in the earth,
 3 and from walking up and down in it. And the Eternal said unto the obstructor, Hast thou marked my servant Job, that *there is* none like him in the earth, a plain and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou enticedst me against him, to destroy⁴ him without
 4 cause. And the obstructor answered the Eternal, and said, Skin for
 5 skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life. But put forth thy hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, if he will not curse⁵
 6 thee to thy face. . . . And the Eternal said unto the obstructor,
 7 Behold, he *is* in thy hand: only take care of his life. So the obstructor went forth from the presence of the Eternal, and smote
 8 Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown. And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal; and he sat down
 9 among the ashes. Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still hold
 10 fast thine integrity? curse⁵ God, and die. But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the base women speaketh. Ay? shall we

¹ touched.

² gave.

³ p'ace.

⁴ swallow.

⁵ bless.

JOB II., III.

receive the good from God, and shall we not receive the evil? In all
 11 this did not Job sin with his lips. Now when the three friends of
 Job¹ heard of all this that was come upon him, they came every one
 from his own place; Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite,
 and Zophar the Naamathite: for they had made an appointment
 12 together to come to condole with him and to comfort him. And
 when they lifted up their eyes afar off, and recognised him not, they
 lifted up their voice, and wept; and they rent every one his robe, and
 13 sprinkled dust upon their heads towards heaven. So they sat down
 with him upon the ground seven days and seven nights, and none
 spake a word unto him: for they saw the pain was very great.

1 CHAP. III.—After this Job opened his mouth, and execrated his
 2 3 day. And Job spake, and said, Let the day perish wherein I
 4 was born, and the night *which* said, She is pregnant, O man. Let
 that day be darkness; let not got God from above require it, neither
 5 let light beam upon it. Let darkness and the shadow of death
 claim¹ it: let a cloud dwell upon it; let darkenings of light² terrify
 6 it. *As for* that night, let thick darkness seize upon it; let it not
 rejoice among the days of a year, let it not come into the number of
 7 months. Lo, let that night be solitary, let no shout come therein.
 8 Let execrators of days curse it, who are ready to stir up levi-
 9 athan. Let the stars of the twilight thereof be dark; let it look for
 light, but *have* none; neither let it see the eyelids of the dawn.
 10 Because it shut not up the doors of my *mother's* womb, nor hid
 11 sorrow from mine eyes. Wherefore died I not from the womb? *why*
 12 did I *not* expire when I came out of the belly? Why did knees readily
 13 receive me? or why breasts that I should suck? For now should
 I have lain still and been quiet, I should have slept: then had I been
 14 at rest, With kings and counsellors of the earth, who build desolate
 15 places for themselves; Or with princes³ that had gold, who filled their
 16 houses with silver: Or as a hidden untimely birth I had not been;
 17 as infants *who* never saw light. There wicked ones cease *from*
 18 troubling; and there weary ones *are* at rest. There prisoners repose
 19 together; they hear not the voice of the taskmaster. Small and
 20 great are there; and a servant *is* free from his master. Wherefore
 giveth he light unto him that is in misery, and life unto the bitter *in*
 21 soul; Who long for the death, but it *cometh* not; and dig for it
 22 more than for hid treasures; Who rejoice even to exultation, *and*
 23 are glad, when they find a grave? *Why is light given* to a man
 24 whose way is hid, and whom God hath hedged in? For my sighing
 cometh before my meat, and my roarings are poured out like the

¹ redeem.

² day.

³ officers.

JOB III., IV., V.

25 waters. For the thing which I greatly dreaded is come upon me,
26 and that which I was afraid of is come unto me. I was not in safety,
neither had I rest, neither was I quiet, and trouble came.

1 2 CHAP. IV.—Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said, *If*
we attempt a word with thee, wilt thou find it tiresome? but who
3 can restrain himself from speaking? Behold, thou hast instructed¹
4 many, and thou hast strengthened weak hands. Thy words have
upholden him that was stumbling, and thou hast invigorated the
5 feeble knees. But now it is come upon thee, and thou findest it
6 tiresome; it toucheth thee, and thou art troubled. Should not thy
fear of God be thy confidence, and the uprightness of thy ways thy
7 hope? Pray, remember, who *ever* perished, being innocent? or
8 where were righteous ones cut off? Even as I have seen, they
9 that plough iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same. By the
breath of God they perish, and by the blast of his nostrils are they
10 consumed. The roaring of a lion, and the voice of a *fierce* lion, and
11 the teeth of young lions, are broken. The fierce lion perisheth for
12 lack of prey, and the lioness's whelps are scattered abroad. Now a
13 word stole to me, and mine ear caught a whisper thereof. In
thoughts from the visions of the night, when deep sleep falleth on men,
14 Dread came upon me, and trembling, and terrified all my bones.
15 Then a spirit passed before my face; the hair of my flesh bristled:
16 It stood still, but I could not discern the form thereof: an image
was before mine eyes, *there was* silence, and I heard a voice, *saying*,
17 Shall mortal man be more just than God? shall a man be more pure
18 than his maker? Behold, he put no trust in his servants; and his
19 angels he charged with folly: How much less *in* them that dwell
in houses of clay, whose foundation *is* in the dust, *who* are crushed
20 before a moth. Between morning and the evening they are shat-
21 tered: they perish for ever without any regarding *it*. Is not their
excellency *which is* in them removed? they die, even without
wisdom.

1 CHAP. V.—Call now, if there be any that will answer thee; and to
2 which of the holy ones wilt thou turn? For grief killeth a foolish
3 man, and envy slayeth a silly one. As for me, *when* I saw a fool
4 taking root, I marked out his abode *for* sudden destruction. His
children are far from safety, and they are crushed in the gate, neither
5 *is there* any to deliver *them*. Whose harvest the hungry eateth up,
and taketh it even out of the thorns, and *the* robber pants after
6 their substance. Although iniquity cometh not forth of dust, neither
7 doth trouble spring out of *the* ground; Yet man is born unto
8 trouble, as the sparks² fly upward. But I would seek unto God, and
9 unto God would I commit my cause: Who doeth great things and
10 unsearchable; marvellous things without number: Who giveth rain
11 upon the earth, and sendeth waters upon the face of grounds: To

¹ chastised.

² sons of burning heat.

JOB V., VI.

set up on high those who are low : that those who mourn may be
 12 exalted to safety. He maketh void the devices of the cunning, so
 13 that their hands can perform nothing real. He taketh *the* wise in
 their own cunning : and the counsel of entanglers is carried headlong.
 14 They meet with darkness in the daytime, and grope in the noonday
 15 as in the night. But he saveth *the* needy from the sword, from their
 16 mouth, and from the hand of the mighty. So *the* destitute hath hope,
 17 and iniquity closeth her mouth. Behold the happiness of the man
 whom God reproveth : therefore despise not thou the correction of
 11 the Almighty : For he maketh sore, and bindeth up : he woundeth,
 19 and his hands make whole. He shall deliver thee in six troubles :
 20 yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee. In famine he shall
 redeem thee from death : and in war from the power of the sword.
 21 Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of the tongue : neither shalt thou
 22 be afraid of destruction when it cometh. At destruction and starva-
 tion thou shalt laugh : neither shalt thou be afraid of the beasts of
 23 the earth. For thou shalt be in covenant with the stones of the
 24 field : and the beasts of the field shall be at peace with thee. And
 thou shalt know that thy tent *shall be* in peace ; and thou shalt visit
 25 thy habitation, and *nothing* shall be missed. Thou shalt know also
 that thy seed *shall be* great, and thine offspring as the grass of the
 26 earth. Thou shalt come to *thy* grave in a full age, like as a shock of
 27 corn cometh in in its season. Lo this, we have searched it, so it *is* ;
 hear it, and know thou *it* for thy good.

1 2 CHAP. VI.—But Job answered and said, Oh that my grief were
 thoroughly weighed, and my calamity laid in the balances together.
 3 For now it would be heavier than the sand of seas : therefore my
 4 words are hasty. For the arrows of the Almighty *are* within me, the
 fury whereof drinketh up my spirit : the terrors of God do set
 5 themselves in array against me. Doth the wild ass bray over tender
 6 grass ? or loweth the ox over his meslin ? Can that which is unsa-
 voury be eaten without salt ? or is there *any* taste in the white of an
 7 egg ? My soul hath refused to touch *these* ; they are like sickening
 8 food to me. Oh that I might have my request ; and that God would
 9 grant *me* the thing that I long for ! Even that it would please God
 to crush me ; that he would let loose his hand, and tear me off !
 10 Then I should yet have comfort ; yea, I would exult in writhing,
 though he spared not, that I have not denied the words of the Holy
 11 One. What *is* my strength, that I should hope ? and what *is* mine
 12 end, that I should prolong my desire ?¹ If my strength were the
 13 strength of stones, if my flesh were of copper—*But* when there is no
 14 help for me in myself, and existence removed from me—To him
 that melteth away, kindness *should be shown* him from his friend ;
 15 but he forsaketh the fear of the Almighty. My brethren have dealt
 deceitfully as a brook, *and* as the stream of brooks they pass away ;
 16 Which are turbid by reason of the ice, *and* wherein the snow is hid :

¹ soul.

JOB VI., VII.

17 What time they wax warm, they vanish : when it is hot, they are
 18 extinguished out of their place. The paths of their way are turned
 19 aside : they go to waste, and perish. The troops¹ of Tema looked,
 20 the companies² of Sheba waited for them. They were ashamed
 because they had hoped ; they came thither, and were confounded.
 21 For now had ye been his, beholding a terror, you would have been
 22 afraid. Did I say, Bring unto me ? or, Give a bribe for me
 23 of your substance ?³ Or, Rescue me from the enemy's hand ? or,
 24 Redeem me from the hand of tyrants ? Teach me, and I will
 hold my tongue : and cause me to understand wherein I have erred.
 25 How forcible are right words ! but what doth your arguing reprove ?
 26 Do ye imagine to reprove *with mere* words, useless speeches to the
 27 mind ? Yea, ye overwhelm the fatherless, and ye dig a *pit* for your
 28 friend. Now therefore be content, look upon me ; and to your faces
 29 *will it be* if I lie. Return, I pray you, let there not be iniquity ; yea,
 30 return again, my righteousness *is* in it. Is there iniquity in my
 tongue ? cannot my palate discern perverse things ?

1 CHAP. VII.—Has not man a warfare upon earth ? *are not* his days
 2 like the days of a hireling ? As a servant *that* gaspeth for shadow,
 3 and as a hireling *that* looketh for *the reward of* his work : So am
 I made to possess months of vanity, and wearisome nights are
 4 appointed to me. When I lie down, I say, When shall I arise, and
 the night be gone ? and I am full of tossings too and fro unto the
 5 dawning of the day. My flesh is clothed with worms and clods of
 6 dust ; my skin is broken, and become loathsome. My days are
 7 swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and are spent without hope. O re-
 8 member that my life *is* wind : mine eye shall no more see good. The
 eye of him that hath seen me shall perceive me no *more* : thine eyes
 9 *are* upon me, and I *am* not. *As* the cloud is consumed and vanisheth
 away : so he that goeth down to the grave shall come up no *more*.
 10 He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know
 11 him any more. Therefore I will not refrain my mouth ; I will speak
 in the anguish of my spirit ; I will complain in the bitterness of my
 12 soul. *Am* I a sea, or a huge creature, that thou settest a watch over
 13 me ? When I say, My bedstead shall comfort me, my couch shall
 14 help bearing my complaint : Then thou scarest me with dreams,
 15 and terrifiest me through visions : So that my soul chooseth
 16 strangling, *and* death by my own limbs.⁴ Yet I refused ; I shall not
 17 live for ever : let me alone ; for my days *are* vanity. What *is* man,
 that thou shouldest magnify him ? and that thou shouldest set thy
 18 heart upon him ? And *that* thou shouldest visit him every morning,
 19 *and* try him every moment ? How long wilt thou not depart from me,
 20 nor let me alone till I swallow down my spittle ? I have sinned ; *yet*

¹ paths.

² ways.

³ strength.

⁴ from my bones.

JOB VII., VIII., IX.

what shall I do unto thee, O thou preserver of men? wherefore hast thou set me as a mark against thee, so that I am a burden to myself?
 21 And why dost thou not bear with my transgression, and let pass mine iniquity? for now should I lie in the dust; and thou wouldest seek me in the morning, but I should not *be*.

1 2 CHAP. VIII.—Then answered Bildad the Shuhite and said, How long wilt thou utter these *things*? and how long shall the words of
 3 thy mouth *be like* a strong wind? Doth God pervert judgment? or
 4 doth the Almighty pervert justice? If thy children have sinned
 5 against him, he cast them away for their transgression. If thou wilt
 6 seek unto God betimes, and make supplication to the Almighty; If
 7 thou *wert* pure and upright; surely now he would awake for thee,
 8 and restore the abode of thy righteousness. Though thy beginning
 9 was small, yet thy latter end should greatly increase. For inquire,
 10 I pray thee, of the former age, and prepare thyself to the search of
 11 their fathers: For we *are but of* yesterday, and know nothing,
 12 because our days upon earth *are* a shadow: Shall not they teach thee,
 13 and tell thee, and utter words out of their heart? Can paper reed
 14 lift itself high without mire? can the reed-grass grow without water?
 15 Whilst it *is* yet in its greenness, and not cut down, it yet withereth
 16 before any *other* herb. So *are* the paths of all that forget God; and
 17 the hypocrite's hope shall perish: Whose hope shall be cut off,
 18 and whose trust shall be a spider's web.¹ He shall lean upon his house,
 19 but it shall not stand: he shall hold it fast, but it shall not endure.
 20 He *is* full of sap before the sun, and his sucker goeth forth over his
 21 garden. His roots are entwined over a stone heap, and seeth a
 22 place¹ of stones. If he destroy² him from his place, then *it* shall
 23 deny him, *saying*, I have not seen thee. Behold, this *is* the joy of
 24 his way, and out of the earth shall others grow. Behold, God will not
 25 despise a pious *man*, neither will he hold evil doers by the hand:
 26 Till he fill thy mouth with laughing, and thy lips with shouting.
 27 They that hate thee shall be clothed with shame; and the tent of
 28 wicked ones shall be no more.

1 2 CHAP. IX.—Then Job answered and said, I know *it is* so of a
 3 truth: but how should man be just with God? If he inclined to
 4 contend with him, he cannot answer him one of a thousand. *He is*
 5 wise in heart, and mighty in strength: who hath hardened *himself*
 6 against him, and been safe? Who removeth mountains, and they
 7 know not that he hath overturned them in his anger. Who shaketh
 8 the earth out of its place, and the pillars thereof tremble. Who
 9 commandeth the sun, and it shineth not; and scaleth up the stars.
 10 Who alone inclineth the heavens, and treadeth upon the heights of
 11 the sea. Who maketh Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades, and the cham-

¹ house.

² swallow.

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10 bers. of the south. Who doeth great things past finding out; yea,
 11 and wonders without number. Lo, he goeth by me, and I see *him*
 12 not: he passeth on, but I perceive him not. Behold, he snatcheth
 13 away, who can fetch back *from* him? who will say unto him, What
 14 doest thou? *If* God will not withdraw his anger, the helpers of
 15 pride do stoop under him. How much less shall I answer him, *and*
 16 choose out my words *to reason* with him? Whom, though I were
 17 righteous, *yet* would I not answer, *but* I would make supplication to
 18 my judge. If I had called, and he had answered me; *yet* would I not
 19 believe that he had hearkened unto my voice. For he bruiseeth me
 20 with a tempest, and multiplieth my wounds without cause. He will
 21 not suffer me to take my breath, but filleth me with bitterness. If
 22 I *speak* of strength, lo, *he is* strong: and if of judgment, who shall
 23 set me a time *to plead*? If I justify myself, mine own mouth shall
 24 condemn me: *if I say*, I *am* perfect, it shall also prove me perverse.
 25 I perfect! I should not know my soul: I should despise my
 26 life. It is all one, therefore I said *it*, He destroyeth the perfect and
 27 the wicked. If a scourge slay suddenly, he will laugh at the trial of
 28 the innocent. *The* earth is given into the hand of *the* wicked: he
 29 covereth the faces of the judges thereof; if not thus, who *is* it? . . .
 30 Now my days are swifter than a runner: they flee away, they see no
 31 good. They are passed away like vessels of reed: as an eagle
 32 swoopeth on prey. If I say, I will forget my complaint, I will leave
 33 off my heaviness,¹ and cheer up: I am afraid of all my sorrows, I
 34 know that thou wilt not hold me innocent. *If* I am to be guilty
 35 wherefore then labour I in vain? If I wash myself with snow water,
 36 and make my hands ever so clean; Yet shalt thou plunge me in the
 37 ditch, and mine own clothes shall abhor me. For *he is* not a man,
 38 as I *am*, *that* I should answer him, *and* we should come together in
 39 judgment. Neither is there any arbitrator betwixt us, *that* might lay
 40 his hand upon us both. Let him take his rod away from me, and
 41 let not his fear terrify me: *Then* would I speak, and not fear him;
 42 but *it is* not so with me.

1 CHAP. X.—My soul is weary of my life; I will leave my complaint
 2 upon myself; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul. I will say
 3 unto God, Do not condemn me; make known to me wherefore thou
 4 contendest with me. *Is it* good unto thee that thou shouldest op-
 5 press, that thou shouldest despise the work of thy hands, and shine
 6 upon the counsel of the wicked? Hast thou eyes of flesh? or seest

¹ face.

5 thou as man seeth? *Are* thy days as the days of man? *are* thy years
6 as man's days, That thou enquirest after mine iniquity, and searchest
7 after my sin? Although in thy mind I am not guilty; yet *there is*
8 none that can deliver out of thy hand. Thy hands have made me
and fashioned me together round about; yet thou dost destroy me.
9 Remember, I beseech thee, that thou hast made me as the clay; and
10 hast brought me unto dust again. Hast thou not poured me out as
11 milk, and curdled me like cheese? Thou hast clothed me with skin
12 and flesh, and hast fenced me with bones and sinews. Thou hast
granted me life and favour, and thy care hath preserved my spirit.
13 And *these things* hast thou hid in thy heart: I know that *this is* with
14 thee. If I sin, then thou markest me, and thou wilt not acquit me
15 from mine iniquity. If I be guilty, woe unto me; and *if* I be right-
eous, *yet* can I not lift up my head, being full of confusion; therefore
16 see thou mine affliction; And should it rear itself proudly, thou
wouldst hunt me as a fierce lion: and again show thyself marvellous
17 upon me. Thou renewest thy witnesses against me, and increasest
thine indignation upon me; relief—guard, and host *are* against me.
18 Wherefore then hast thou brought me forth out of the womb? Oh
19 that I had expired, and no eye had seen me! I should have been as
though I had not been; I should have been carried from the womb
20 to the grave. *Are* not my days few? cease *then*, and let me alone,
21 that I may cheer up a little, Before I go *whence* I shall not return,
22 *even* to the land of darkness and the shadow of death; A land of
gloom, as thick darkness *itself*; and of the shadow of death, without
any order, and *where*, *even when* bright, it *is* as thick darkness.

1 CHAP. XI.—Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said,
2 Should not the multitude of words be answered? and should a man
3 full of talk¹ be justified? Should thy fictions make men hold their
peace? and when thou mockest, shall no man make thee ashamed?
4 For thou hast said, My doctrine *is* pure, and I am clean in thine
5 eyes. But oh that God would speak, and open his lips against thee;
6 And that he would shew thee the secrets of wisdom: for it is of a
double essence; know therefore that God overlooketh some of thine
7 iniquity. Canst thou by searching find out God? canst thou find
8 out the Almighty's final purpose. *Like* the heights of heaven; what
canst thou do? deeper than *the* nether world; what canst thou know?
9 The measure thereof *is* longer than the earth, and broader than the
10 sea. If he pass by, and deliver over, or summon together, then who
11 can hinder him? For he knoweth men of falsehood: he seeth ini-
12 quity also, although he seemeth not to consider. Yet may the hollow
man be endowed with heart, though man be born *like* a wild ass's
13 colt; If Thou prepare thy heart, and stretch out Thy hand towards
14 him; If iniquity *be* in thy hand, put it far away, and let not wrong
15 dwell in thy tents. For then shalt thou lift up thy face without spot;
16 yea, thou shalt be steadfast, and shalt not fear: Because thou shalt
17 forget *thy* misery, and remember *it* as waters *that* pass away: And

¹ of lips.

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thine age shall be clearer than the noonday ; *the very* gloom shall be as the morning. And thou shalt be secure, because there is hope ; yea, having explored, thou shalt take thy rest in safety. Also thou shalt lie down, and none shall make *thee* afraid ; yea, many shall make suit unto thee. But the eyes of wicked ones shall fail, and there shall be no escape for them, and their hope *shall be* as the expiring of life.

1 2 CHAP. XII.—And Job answered and said, No doubt but ye *are*
3 the people, and wisdom shall die with you. But I have understanding as well as you ; I *am* not inferior to you : yea, who hath not such
4 as these ? I *am as* one mocked of his fellow, who calleth upon God, and he answereth him : the just upright *man is* laughed to scorn.
5 *Is* a torch despised in the thought of him that is at ease, yet ready
6 for those whose feet are liable to slip. The tents of robbers prosper, and they that provoke God are secure ; into whose hand God
7 bringeth *abundantly*. But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee ; and the fowls of the heaven, and they shall tell thee : Or speak
8 to the earth, and it shall teach thee : and the fishes of the sea shall
9 declare unto thee. Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of
10 the Eternal hath wrought this ? In whose hand *is* the soul of every
11 living thing, and the spirit of all mankind. Doth not the ear try
12 words ? and the palate taste its food ? With the hoary *is* wisdom ;
13 and in length of days understanding. With him *is* wisdom and
14 strength, he hath counsel and understanding. Behold, he breaketh down, and it cannot be built again : he shutteth up a man, and there
15 can be no opening. Behold, he withholdeth the waters, and they dry
16 up : also he sendeth them out, and they overturn the earth. With him *is* strength and reality, the misled and the misleader *are* his.
17 He leadeth counsellors away spoiled, and maketh judges fools.
18 He looseth the bond of kings, and girdeth their loins with a girdle.
19 He leadeth priests away spoiled, and overthroweth¹ the mighty.
20 He removeth away the lip of the trusty, and taketh away the under-
21 standing of the aged. He poureth contempt upon nobles, and
22 looseneth the belt of the mighty. He discovereth deep things out of
23 darkness, and bringeth out to light the shadow of death. He increaseth the nations, and destroyeth them : he spreadeth the nations,
24 and leadeth them away. He taketh away the heart of the chief of the people of a land, and causeth them to wander in a trackless waste.
25 They grope in the dark without light, and he causeth them to wander like a drunkard.

1 CHAP. XIII.—Lo, mine eye hath seen all *this*, mine ear hath heard
2 and understood it. What ye know, *the same* do I know also ; I *am*
3 not inferior unto you. But I will speak to the Almighty, and I
4 desire to argue with God. But ye *are* forgers of lies, ye *are* all

¹ perverteth.

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5 physicians of no value. O that ye would altogether hold your peace !
 6 and it should be your wisdom. Hear now my argument, and hearken
 7 to the pleadings of my lips. Will ye speak wickedly for God ? and
 8 talk deceitfully for him ? Will ye show his person¹ respect ? will
 9 ye contend for God ? Is it good that he should search you out ? or
 10 as one man mocketh another, do ye *so* mock him ? He will surely re-
 11 prove you, if ye do secretly show respect to persons. Shall not his rising
 12 make you afraid ? and his dread fall upon you ? Your records *are*
 13 parables of ashes, your bodies² like bodies of clay. Hold your peace, let
 14 me alone, that I may speak, and let come on me what *will*. Wherefore
 do I take my flesh in my teeth, and put my life in my hand ?
 15 Though he slay me, yet will I wait for him : surely I will defend mine
 16 own ways before him. He himself would *be* my salvation : for a
 17 hypocrite shall not come before him. Hear diligently my speech,
 18 and my declaration with your ears. Behold now, I have ordered *my*
 19 cause ; I know that I shall be justified. Who *is* he *that* will plead
 20 with me ? for were I now to hold my tongue, I should expire. Only
 do not two *things* unto me : then will I not hide myself from thee.
 21 Withdraw thy hand far from me, and let not thy dread make me
 22 afraid. Then call thou, and I will answer : or let me speak, and
 23 answer thou me. How many *are* mine iniquities and sins ? make
 24 me to know my transgression and my sin. Wherefore hidest thou
 25 thy face, and holdest me for thine enemy ? Wilt thou agitate a leaf
 26 driven too and fro ? and wilt thou pursue dry stubble ? For thou
 writest bitter things against me, and imputest to me the iniquities of
 27 my youth. Thou puttest my feet also in the stocks, and watchest
 28 all my paths : thou settest a print³ upon the heels⁴ of my feet. And
 he, as a rotten thing, consumeth, as a garment that is moth eaten.

1 CHAP. XIV.—Man born of woman *is* of a few days, and full of
 2 trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down : he fleeth
 3 also as a shadow, and continueth not. And dost thou open thine
 4 eyes upon such a one, and bringest me into judgment with thee ? Who
 5 can bring a clean *thing* out of an unclean ? not one. Seeing his days
are determined, the number of his months *are* with thee, thou hast
 6 appointed his bounds that he cannot pass : Look away from him,
 7 that he may rest, till he shall accomplish, as a hireling, his day. For
 there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will renew, and that
 8 its sucker will not cease. Though the root thereof wax old in the
 9 earth, and the stock thereof die in the dust ; Yet through the scent

¹ f. cc.

² backs.

³ engravest thyself.

⁴ roots.

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10 of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant. But man
 11 dieth, and wasteth away: yea, man expireth, and where *is* he? *As*
 12 waters will fail from a sea, and a river parch and dry up: So man
 lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens *be* no more, they shall
 13 not awake, nor be roused out of their sleep. O that thou wouldest
 hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy
 wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time,¹ and re-
 14 member me! If a man die, shall he live *again*? all the days of my
 15 appointed time will I wait, till my change come. Thou shalt call,
 and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work of thy
 16 hands. Though now thou numberest my steps: thou wilt not keep
 17 watch over my sins. My transgression *is* sealed up in a bundle, yet
 18 thou sewest up mine iniquity. Yet *as* a mountain falling cometh to
 19 nought, and a rock is removed out of his place; *As* waters wear
 stones, wash away the things growing by themselves *out* of the dust
 20 of the earth; so thou destroyest the hope of man. Thou prevailest
 for ever against him, and he passeth: thou changest his countenance,
 21 and sendest him away. His sons come to honour, and he knoweth
it not; and they are brought low, but he perceiveth *it* not of them.
 22 But his flesh upon him shall have pain, and his soul within him shall
 mourn.

1 CHAP. XV.—Then answered Eliphaz the Temanite, and said,
 2 Should a wise man answer *with* vain knowledge, and fill his belly
 3 with the east wind? Should he reason on a matter wherein he is not
 4 versed? or with speeches wherewith he cannot profit? Yea, thou
 5 makest void reverence, and restrainest devotion before God. For thy
 mouth uttereth thine iniquity, and thou chooseth the tongue of the
 6 crafty. Thine own mouth condemneth thee, and not I: yea, thine
 7 own lips testify against thee. *Art* thou the first man *that* was born?
 8 or wast thou brought forth before the hills? Hast thou listened to
 9 the council of God? and dost thou restrain wisdom to thyself? What
 knowest thou, that we know not? *what* understandeth thou, which *is*
 10 not in us? With us *are* both the greyheaded and very aged men,
 11 much elder than thy father. *Are* the consolations of God too small
 12 for thee? is a word too gentle for thee? How thy heart carrieth thee
 13 away! and how thine eyes wink! That thou turnest thy spirit against
 14 God, and lettest *such* words go out of thy mouth! What *is* man,
 that he should be clean? and *he that is* born of woman, that he
 15 should be righteous? Behold, he putteth no trust in his saints; yea,
 16 the heavens are not clean in his sight. How much more abominable
 17 and filthy *is* man, who drinketh iniquity like water? I will declare
 18 to thee, hear me; for this I have seen I will relate *it*; Which wise
 19 men have told since their fathers, and have not hid: Unto whom
 alone the earth was given, and no stranger passed among them.
 20 The wicked man travaileth with pain all *his* days, even the number
 21 of years hidden to the oppressor. A dreadful sound *is* in his ears: in

¹ statute.

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22 prosperity the destroyer shall come upon him. He believeth not
 23 that he shall return out of darkness, and he is waited for of the sword.
 24 He wandereth abroad for bread, *saying*, Where *is it*? he knoweth
 25 that the day of darkness is ready at his hand. Trouble and anguish
 26 shall make him afraid; they shall prevail against him, as a king ready
 27 to the battle. For he stretcheth out his hand against God, and
 28 strengtheneth himself against the Almighty, He runneth upon him,
 29 with outstretched neck, with the thick bosses of his bucklers.
 30 Though he covered his face with his fatness, and made collops of fat
 31 on *his* flanks, Yet shall he dwell in desolate cities, *and* in houses
 32 which no man inhabiteth, which are ready to become heaps. He shall
 33 not be rich, neither shall his substance continue, neither shall he pro-
 34 long the perfection thereof upon the earth. He shall not depart out
 35 of darkness; a flame shall dry up his sucker, and by the breath of
 his mouth shall he go away. Let not him that is deceived trust in
 vanity: for vanity shall he get in exchange. It shall be accomplished
 before his time, and his branch shall not be green. He shall shake
 off his sour grape as the vine, and shall cast off his flower as the olive.
 For the congregation of hypocrites *shall be* desolate, and fire shall
 consume the tents of bribery. They conceive mischief, and bring
 forth vanity, and their belly prepareth deceit.

1 2 CHAP. XVI.—Then Job answered and said, I have heard many
 3 such things: miserable comforters *are* ye all. Shall vain words have
 4 an end? or what irritateth thee that thou answerest? I also could
 5 speak as ye *do*. Oh that your soul were in my soul's stead, I could
 6 heap up words against you, and shake my head at you. *But* I would
 7 strengthen you with my mouth, and the condolence of my lips should
 8 assuage *your grief*. Though I speak, my grief is not assuaged: and
 9 *though* I forbear, what am I eased? But now he hath made me
 10 weary: thou hast made desolate all my company. And thou hast
 11 filled me with wrinkles, and *this* became a witness *against me*: as
 12 though my falsehood rose up against me, bearing witness to my face.
 13 He teareth *me* in his wrath, and hateth me: he gnasheth upon me
 14 with his teeth; mine enemy sharpeneth his eyes upon me. They
 15 have gaped upon me with their mouth; they have smitten me upon
 16 the cheek reproachfully; they have gathered themselves together
 17 against me. God hath delivered me to the ungodly, and turned me
 18 over into the hands of the wicked. I was at ease, but he hath broken
 19 me asunder: he hath also taken *me* by my neck, and shaken me to
 20 pieces, and set me up for his mark. His archers compass me round
 21 about, he cleaveth my reins asunder, and doth not spare; he poureth
 22 out my gall upon the ground. He breaketh me with breach upon
 23 breach, he runneth upon me like a hero. I have sewed sackcloth
 24 upon my skin, and defiled my horn in the dust. My face is inflamed
 25 with weeping, and on my eyelids *is* the shadow of death: Not for
 26 *any* injustice in my hands: also my prayer *is* pure. O earth, cover
 27 not thou my blood, and let my cry have no place. Also now, behold,

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20 my witness *is* in heaven, and my testifier *is* on high, My inter-
 21 preters, my friends. Mine eye poureth out *tears* unto God, That
 he should plead for a man before God, as a man *pleadeth* for his
 22 neighbour. For the few years will pass, then I shall go the way
 23 *whence* I shall not return.

1 CHAP. XVII.—My spirit is broken, my days are extinct, graves
 2 *are ready* for me. If not, mockers beset me, and mine eye dwelleth
 3 on their provocation. Attend now *to me*, be surety for me with thy-
 4 self, who else would strike hands with me? For thou hast hid their
 5 heart from understanding: therefore shalt thou not exalt *them*. He
 that speaketh flattery to *his* friends, even the eyes of his children
 6 shall fail. He hath made me also a byword of the people, and I have
 7 become as one spit upon in the face. Mine eye also is dim by reason of
 8 vexation, and all my members *are* as a shadow. Upright *men* shall
 be astonished at this, and the innocent shall stir up himself against
 9 the hypocrite. The righteous also shall hold on his way, and he that
 10 hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger. But as for you all,
 do ye return, and come now: for I cannot find *one wise man* among
 11 you. My days are past, my purposes are broken off, *even* the pos-
 12 session of my heart. They put night for day, approaching light
 13 on account of darkness. If I wait, the grave *is* my house; I have
 14 made my bed in the darkness. I have said to the pit, Thou *art* my
 15 father, to the worm, *Thou art* my mother, and my sister: And
 16 where *is* now my hope? as for my hope, who shall see it? They
 shall go down to the bars of the grave, when *our* rest together *is* in
 the dust.

1 2 CHAP. XVIII.—Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said, How
 long *will it be ere* ye make an end of words? mark, and afterwards
 3 we will speak. Why are we counted as beasts, *and* reputed vile in
 4 your sight? Tearing thyself in thy wrath, shall the earth be forsaken
 5 for thee? and shall the rock be removed out of its place? Yea, the
 light of the wicked shall be put out, and the spark of his fire shall
 6 not shine. The light shall be dark in his tent, and his candle shall
 7 be put out with him. The steps of his strength shall be straitened,
 8 and his own counsel shall cast him down. For he is cast into a net
 9 by his own feet, and he walketh upon a snare. The gin shall take
 10 *him* by the heel, *and* the noose shall hold him fast. The snare *is*
 11 hidden for him in the ground, and a trap for him in the way. Terrors
 shall make him afraid on every side, and shall scatter about those
 12 that follow him. His strength shall be hungerbitten, and de-
 13 struction *shall be* ready at his side. It shall devour the parts of his
 14 skin: *even* the firstborn of death shall devour his parts. His confi-
 dence shall be rooted out of his tent, and it shall bring him *in* terror
 15 to the king. It shall dwell in his tent, that it is not his: brimstone

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16 shall be scattered upon his habitation, His roots shall be dried up
 17 beneath, and above shall his branch be cut off. His remembrance
 18 shall perish from the earth, and he shall have no name abroad. He
 shall be driven from light into darkness, and chased out of the world.
 19 He shall neither have offspring nor grandchild among his people, nor
 20 any remaining in his dwellings. They that come after *him* shall be
 21 astonished at his day, as they that went before were affrighted. Surely
 such *are* the dwellings of the wicked, and this *is* the place of *him that*
 knoweth not God.

1 2 CHAP. XIX.—Then Job answered and said, How long will ye
 3 vex my soul, and break me in pieces with words? These ten times
 have ye reproached me: ye are not ashamed *that* ye astound me.
 4 And be it indeed *that* I have erred, mine error remaineth with myself.
 5 If indeed ye will magnify *yourselves* against me, and plead against me
 6 my reproach: Know now that God hath overthrown me, and hath
 7 compassed me with his net. Behold, I cry out of wrong, but I am
 8 not answered: I cry for help, but *there is* no judgment. He hath
 fenced up my way that I cannot pass, and he hath set darkness in my
 9 paths. He hath stripped me of my glory, and taken the crown *from*
 10 my head. He hath destroyed me on every side, and I am gone: and
 11 my hope hath he removed like a tree. He hath also kindled his
 wrath against me, and he counteth me unto him as *one of* his adver-
 12 saries. His troops come together, and raise up their way against me,
 13 and encamp round about my tent. He hath put my brethren far
 14 from me, and mine acquaintance are verily estranged from me. My
 kinsfolk have failed, and my familiar friends have forgotten me.
 15 They that sojourn in my house, and my maids, count me for a stranger:
 16 I am an alien in their sight. I called my servant, and he gave *me* no
 17 answer; I entreated him with my mouth. My spirit is strange to my
 18 wife, and my caresses to the children of my own body. Yea, young
 19 children despised me; I arose, and they spake against me. All men
 of my counsel abhorred me: and they whom I loved are turned against
 20 me. My bone cleaveth to my skin and to my flesh, and I am escaped
 21 with the skin of my teeth. Have pity upon me, have pity upon me,
 22 O ye my friends; for the hand of God hath touched me. Why do ye
 23 persecute me as God, and are not satisfied with my flesh? Oh that
 my words were now written! oh that they were inscribed in the book!
 24 That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock for
 25 ever! For I know *that* my vindicator¹ liveth, and were he *the* last,
 26 he shall rise over *my* dust. Even after my skin shall have been stripped
 27 off this *body* and flesh, I shall *yet* see God: Whom I shall see for
 myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; my reins long
 28 within me, That ye should say, What do we persecute him for, what
 29 root of *evil* matter is found in him? Be ye afraid for yourselves of
 the sword: for wrath *bringeth* the punishments of the sword, that ye
 may know *there is* a judgment.

¹ redeemer.

JOB XX., XXI.

1 CHAP. XX.—Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said,
 2 Forsooth, my thoughts bring me back, and on account of the urgency
 3 within me, I must hear a reproach putting me to shame; but a
 4 spirit through my own reflection answereth me; Knowest thou this?
 5 From everlasting since God placed man on earth, That the triumph-
 6 ing of the wicked *is* short, and the joy of the hypocrite *but* for a mo-
 7 ment. Though his loftiness mount up to the heavens, and his head
 8 reach unto the clouds; *Yet* he shall perish for ever like his own
 9 dung: they who have seen him shall say, Where *is* he? He shall
 10 fly away as a dream, and shall not be found: yea, he shall be chased
 11 away as a vision of the night. The eye also *which* saw him shall *see*
 12 *him* no more; neither shall his place any more behold him. His
 13 children shall seek to please the poor, and his hands shall restore
 14 their goods. His bones filled with vigour, shall yet lie with him
 15 in the dust. Though wickedness be sweet in his mouth, *though* he
 16 hide it under his tongue; *Though* he spare it, and forsake it not;
 17 but keep it still within his mouth; *Yet* his meat in his bowels is
 18 turned, *it is* the gall of asps within him. He hath swallowed down
 19 riches, and he shall vomit them up again: God shall cast them out of
 20 his belly. He shall suck the poison of asps: the viper's tongue shall
 21 slay him. He shall not see the rivulets, the rivers, the brooks of
 22 honey, and clotted cream. That which he laboured for shall he re-
 23 store, and shall not swallow *it* down: according to *his* substance *shall*
 24 the restitution *be*, and he shall not rejoice *therein*. Because he hath
 25 oppressed *and* hath forsaken the poor; *because* he hath violently
 26 taken away a house which he builded not; Surely he shall not feel
 27 quietness in his belly, he shall not save *himself* by his most costly
 28 possession. There shall none of his meat be left; therefore shall no
 29 man look for his goods. In the fulness of his sufficiency he shall be
 30 in straits: every hand of the wicked shall come upon him. *When*
 31 he is about to fill his belly, *God* shall cast the fury of his wrath upon
 32 him, and shall rain *it* upon him while he is eating. He shall flee from
 33 the iron weapon, *and* the bow of copper shall strike him through.
 34 It is drawn, and cometh out of the body; yea, the glittering sword
 35 cometh out of his gall; he goes, terrors *are* upon him. All darkness
 36 *shall be* hid for his treasures: a fire not blown shall consume him;
 37 it shall go ill with him that is left in his tent. The heaven shall reveal
 38 his iniquity; and the earth shall rise up against him. The increase
 39 of his house shall depart, *and his goods* shall flow away in the day
 40 of his wrath. *This is* the portion of a wicked man from God, and
 the heritage appointed unto him by God.

1 2 CHAP. XXI.—But Job answered and said, Hear diligently my
 3 speech, and let this be your consolations. Suffer me that I may
 4 speak; and after that I have spoken, mock on. As for me, *is* my
 5 complaint to man? and if *it were so*, why should not my spirit be
 6 impatient? Mark me, and be astonished, and lay *your* hand upon
 7 *your* mouth. Even when I remember I am afraid, and terror taketh

7 hold on my flesh. Wherefore do the wicked live, become old, yea
 8 are mighty in power? Their seed is established in their sight with
 9 them, and their offspring before their eyes. Their houses *are* safe
 10 from fear, neither *is* the rod of God upon them. Their bull gen-
 dereth, and faileth not; their cow calveth, and casteth not her calf.
 11 They send forth their little ones like a flock, and their children
 12 dance. They lift up *their voice* with the timbrel and harp, and rejoice
 13 at the sound of the pipe. They spend their days in prosperity, and
 14 in a moment go down to the grave. Therefore they say unto God,
 15 Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways. What
is the Almighty, that we should serve him? and what profit should we
 16 have, if we entreat him? Lo, their prosperity *is* not in their hand:
 17 the counsel of the wicked is far from me. How long—and the lamp
 of the wicked will be put out, and destruction will come upon them!
 18 *God* distributeth sorrows in his anger. They are as stubble before
 19 the wind, and as chaff that the storm carrieth away. God layeth up
 his iniquity for his children: he repayeth him, and he shall know *it*.
 20 His eyes shall see his destruction, and he shall drink of the wrath of
 21 the Almighty. For what pleasure *hath* he in his house after him,
 22 when the number of his months is cut off! Shall *any* teach God
 23 knowledge? seeing he judgeth those that are high. This one dieth
 24 in his full strength, being wholly at ease and quiet. His skin-
 bottles are full of milk, and his bones are moistened with marrow.
 25 And another dieth in the bitterness of his soul, and never eateth with
 26 pleasure. They shall lie down alike in the dust, and the worms shall
 27 cover them. Behold, I know your thoughts, and the devices *which*
 28 ye wrongfully imagine against me. For ye say, Where *is* the house of
 29 the noble? and where is the tent of the dwelling places of the wicked?
 Have ye not asked them that go by the way? for ye would not have mis-
 30 understood their signs, That the wicked is reserved to the day of
 31 destruction; they shall be brought forth to the day of wrath. Who
 shall declare his way to his face? and who shall repay him *what* he
 32 hath done? When he is brought to the grave, and quickly descends
 33 into the tomb; The clods of the valley shall be sweet unto him, and
 every man shall draw after him, as *there are* innumerable before him.
 34 How then comfort ye me in vain, seeing in your answers there re-
 maineth falsehood.

1 CHAP. XXII.—Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said,
 2 Can a man be profitable unto God, because he that is wise may be
 3 profitable unto himself? *Is it* any pleasure to the Almighty, that thou
 art righteous? or *is it* gain to him, that thou makest thy ways per-
 4 fect? Will he argue with thee for fear of thee? will he enter with
 5 thee into judgment? *Is* not thy wickedness great? and thine ini-
 6 quities infinite? For thou hast taken a pledge from thy brother for

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7 nought, and stripped the naked of their clothing. Thou hast not
 8 given water to the weary to drink, and thou hast withholden bread
 9 from the hungry. But *as for* the mighty man, he had the earth;
 10 and the favoured man dwelt in it. Thou hast sent widows away
 11 empty, and the arms of the fatherless have been crushed. Therefore
 12 snares *are* round about thee, and sudden fear troubleth thee; Or
 13 darkness, *that* thou canst not see; and abundance of waters cover
 14 thee. *Is* not God in the height of heaven? and behold the height
 15 of the stars, how high they are! And thou sayest, How doth God
 16 know? can he judge through the dark cloud? Thick clouds *are* a
 17 covering to him, that he seeth not; and he walketh in the circuit of
 18 heaven. Dost thou keep to the old way which wicked men have
 19 trodden? Who were seized untimely, whose foundation was over-
 20 flown with a flood: Who said unto God, Depart from us: and what
 21 can the Almighty do for them? Yet he filled their houses with good
 22 things; but the counsel of the wicked is far from me. The righteous
 23 see *it*, and are glad: and the innocent mock them. Is not our adver-
 24 sary cut down, and hath not the fire consumed their excellency?
 25 Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall
 26 come unto thee. Receive, I pray thee, law from his mouth, and lay
 27 up his words in thy heart. If thou return to the Almighty, thou
 28 shalt be built up, thou shalt put away iniquity far from thy tents.
 29 Then shalt thou lay up gold as dust, and the *gold* of Ophir as the
 30 stones of the brooks. Yea, the Almighty shall be thy defence, and
 31 thou shalt have plenty of silver. For then shalt thou have thy
 32 delight in the Almighty, and shalt lift up thy face unto God. Thou
 33 shalt entreat him, and he shall hear thee, and thou shalt pay thy
 34 vows. Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established
 35 unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways. When *men* are
 36 cast down, then thou shalt say, *There is* lifting up; and he shall save
 37 the humble person. He shall deliver *even* him that is not innocent:
 38 and he is delivered by the pureness of thy hands.

1 2 CHAP. XXIII.—Then Job answered and said. To-day also my
 3 complaint is rebellion: my stroke is heavier than my groaning. Oh
 4 that I knew where I might find him! I would come *even* to his seat!
 5 I would order *my* cause before him, and fill my mouth with argu-
 6 ments. I would know the words *which* he would answer me, and
 7 understand what he would say unto me. Will he plead against me
 8 with *his* great power? No; truly he would put *it* in me. There
 9 the righteous might argue with him; so should I be delivered for
 10 ever from my judge. Behold, I go forward, but he *is* not *there*; and
 11 backward, but I cannot perceive him: What he worketh to the
 12 left, I cannot behold; what he veileth to the right, I cannot see.
 13 But he knoweth the way that I take: *when* he hath tried me, I shall
 14 come forth as gold. My foot hath held his steps, his way have I

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12 kept, and not declined. Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have carefully observed the words of his
 13 mouth above what was law to me. But he *is* in one *mind*, and who
 14 can turn him? and *what* his soul desireth, even *that* he doeth. For he performeth *the thing that is* appointed for me: and many such *things*
 15 *are* with him. Therefore am I troubled at his presence; when I
 16 consider, I am afraid of him. For God maketh my heart soft, and
 17 the Almighty troubleth me: Because I was not cut off before the darkness, *neither* hath he covered the darkness from my face.

1 CHAP. XXIV.—Why are events not hidden from the Almighty, even
 2 as they that know him never behold his days? They might then
 3 remove¹ landmarks, violently take away flocks, and feed thereof; They
 4 might drive away the ass of the fatherless, take the widow's ox for a
 5 pledge; They might then turn the needy out of the way: so that
 6 the meek of the earth must hide themselves together. Behold, *as*
 7 wild asses in the desert might they go forth to their work; rising
 8 betimes for a prey: the wilderness *yieldeth* food for them *and* for
 9 the young; Might reap in a field not theirs: and, like the
 10 wicked, glean in the vineyard: Whilst the stripped would have to
 11 pass the night without clothing, and in the cold without covering;
 12 Be wet with the showers of the mountains, and embrace the rock for
 13 want of a shelter. They might pluck the fatherless from the breast,
 14 and take as a pledge what is on the poor; Whilst those stripped
 15 would have to wander about without clothing, and those famishing
 16 to carry sheaves; Might make oil within their walls, *and* tread *their*
 17 wine-presses, when thirsty; Whilst from out of the city men would
 18 groan, and the soul of the wounded would cry out: for God would
 19 not lay folly to *them*. Now they are of those that rebel against the
 20 light, recognise not his way, nor abide in his paths. The murderer
 21 rising with the light killeth the poor and needy, and in the night is
 22 as a thief. The eye also of the adulterer waiteth for the twilight,
 23 saying, No eye shall see me: and maketh *it* a disguise to his face.
 24 In the dark they dig through houses: the whole day they shut them-
 25 selves up: they know not the light. For the morning *is* to them
 26 even as the shadow of death: yea, they recognise the terrors of the
 27 shadow of death. He *is* swift, yet it is as though he were on the face
 28 of the waters; their portion is cursed in the earth: he turneth not
 29 the way of the vineyards. In drouth and heat they rob; yet it is
 30 like snow waters: they sin for the grave. The womb shall forget
 31 him; the worm shall be sweet unto him; he shall be no more re-
 32 membered; and iniquity shall be broken as a tree. He evil
 33 entreateth the barren *that* beareth not: and doeth not good to the
 34 widow. He draweth also the mighty with his power: he riseth up,
 35 and no *man* is sure of life. Though he is allowed to feel secured, and
 36 resteth thereon, yet his eyes *are* upon their ways. Rise but a little,
 37 and he is not; they melt away: they are gathered in like food, and
 38 cut off as the tops of the ears of corn. And if *it be* not so now, who
 39 will give me the lie, and make my speech nothing worth?

¹ reach.

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1 2 CHAP. XXV.—Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said, Do
minion and awe *are* with him, he maketh peace in his high places.
3 Is there any number of his armies? and upon whom doth not his
4 light arise? How then can man be justified with God? or how can
5 he be clean *that is* born of a woman? Behold, whilst the moon lasts,
she spreadeth not her tent: whilst the stars last, they are not
6 pure in his sight. How much less man, *that is* a worm? and the son
of man, *which is* a maggot?

1 2 CHAP. XXVI.—But Job answered and said, How thou hast helped
him that is without power! *how* saved the arm *that hath* no
3 strength? How hast thou counselled *him that hath* no wisdom! and
4 *how* thou hast plentifully declared the thing as it is! To whom
5 hast thou uttered words: and whose breath came from thee? Spectres
from beneath writhe, the waters, and the inhabitants thereof.
6 The grave *is* naked before him, and destruction hath no covering.
7 He stretcheth out the north over the void, *and* hangeth the earth
8 upon nothing. He bindeth up the waters in his thick clouds; and
9 the cloud is not rent under them. Veiling the face of his throne,
10 he spreadeth his cloud upon it. He hath compassed the waters with
11 bounds, to the confines of light and darkness. The pillars of heaven
12 tremble and are astonished at his reproof. He stilleth the sea with
his power, and by his understanding he smiteth through insolence.
13 By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath pierced
14 the fleeing serpent, Lo, these *are* extremities of his ways: but how
little a portion is heard of him? but the thunder of his power who
can understand?

1 2 CHAP. XXVII.—Moreover Job continued his parable, and said, *As*
God liveth, *who* hath taken away my judgment; and the Almighty,
3 *who* hath vexed my soul; All the while my breath *is* in me, and the
4 spirit of God *is* in my nostrils; If my lips speak wickedness, and
5 my tongue utter deceit, . . . Woe be unto me, if I justify you
6 *even* whilst expiring; I will not part with mine integrity. My
righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: my heart shall not
7 reproach *me* so long as I live. Let mine enemy be as the wicked,
8 and he that riseth up against me as the unrighteous. For what *is*
the hope of the hypocrite, though he hath gained, when God re-
9 quireth his soul? Will God hear his cry when trouble cometh upon
10 him? Will he delight himself in the Almighty? will he always call
11 upon God? I will teach you by the hand of God: *that which is*
12 with the Almighty will I not conceal. Behold, all ye yourselves have
13 seen *it*; why then are ye thus altogether vain? This *is* the portion
of a wicked man with God, and the heritage of oppressors, *which*
14 they shall receive of the Almighty. If his children be multiplied, *it*

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is for the sword : and his offspring shall not be satisfied with bread.
 15 Those that remain of him shall be buried in death : and his widows
 16 shall not weep. Though he heap up silver as the dust, and prepare
 17 raiment as the clay ; He may prepare *it*, but the just shall put *it*
 18 on, and the innocent shall divide the silver. He buildeth his house
 19 as the moth, and as a booth *that* the keeper maketh. Rich, he shall
 lie down, but he shall not be gathered : he openeth his eyes, and he
 20 *is* not. Terrors take hold on him as waters, a tempest stealeth him
 21 away in the night. An east wind carrieth him away, and he
 22 departeth : and as a storm hurleth him out of his place ; It shall
 cast upon him, and not spare : he would fain flee out of its power.
 23 It shall clap its hands at him, and shall hiss him out of his place.

1 CHAP. XXVIII.—Surely there is a vein¹ for the silver and a place for
 2 gold *which* they fine. Iron is taken out of the earth, and stone *is*
 3 molten into copper. He setteth an end to darkness, and searcheth
 unto the utmost limits for the stones from darkness, and the shadow
 4 of death ; Where the flood breaketh out by the side of the sojourner
therein, who forgotten of the foot, languisheth, removed from man ;
 5 *Where* land is, out of which cometh bread, whilst that underneath it
 6 is turned up as by fire. The stones of it *are* the place of sapphires :
 7 and it hath dust of gold for him. *There is* a path which no bird of
 8 prey knoweth, and which the vulture's eye hath not seen : The tribes
 of ferocious beasts have not trodden it, nor the fierce lion passed by
 9 it. He putteth forth his hand upon the flint ; he overturneth moun-
 10 tains by the roots. He cutteth out rivers among the rocks ; and his
 11 eye seeth every precious thing. He bindeth floods from overflowing ;²
 12 and *the thing that is* hid bringeth he forth to light. But where
 shall wisdom be found ? and where *is* the place of understanding ?
 13 Man knoweth not the price thereof ; neither is it found in the land of
 14 the living. The depth sayeth, It *is* not in me : and the sea
 15 sayeth, *It is* not with me. It cannot be gotten for gold, neither
 16 shall silver be weighed *for* the price thereof. It cannot be valued
 17 with the gold of Ophir, with precious onyx, or sapphire. Gold and
 glass cannot equal it : nor a vessel of fine gold as an exchange
 18 thereof. No mention shall be made of coral, or crystal : for the pro-
 19 curing of wisdom *is* above pearls. The topaz of Cush shall not
 20 equal it, neither shall it be valued with pure gold. Whence then
 21 cometh wisdom ? and where *is* the place of understanding ? Seeing
 it is hid from the eyes of all living, and kept close from the fowl of
 22 the heavens. Perdition and death say, We have heard the fame
 23 thereof with our ears. God understandeth the way thereof, and he
 24 knoweth the place thereof. For he looketh to the extremities of the

¹ going forth.

² weeping.

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25 earth, *and* seeth under the whole heaven; To make a weight for the
 26 winds; and he weigheth waters by measure. When he made a decree
 27 for the rain, and a way for the lightning of the thunder: Then did
 he see it, and declare it; he prepared it, yea, and searched it out.
 28 And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that *is* wisdom;
 and to depart from evil *is* understanding.

1 2 CHAP. XXIX.—Moreover Job continued his parable, and said, Oh
 that I were as *in* months past, as *in* the days when God guarded me;
 3 When his lamp shone upon my head, *and when* by his light I walked
 4 *through* darkness; As I was in the days of my plenteousness, when *I*
 5 was in the counsel of God, *who was* over my tent; When the
 6 Almighty *was* yet with me, *when* my lads *were* about me; When I
 washed my steps with butter, and the rock poured me out rivers of
 7 oil; When I went out to the gate along the city, *when* I prepared
 8 my seat in the street! Young men saw me, and hid themselves: and
 9 the aged arose, *and* stood up. Princes refrained talking, and laid
 10 *their* hand on their mouth. The voice of the nobles was suppressed,
 11 and their tongue cleaved to the roof of their mouth. When the ear
 heard *me*, then it blessed me; and when the eye saw *me*, it gave wit-
 12 ness to me: Because I delivered the poor that cried for help, and the
 13 fatherless, and *him that had* none to help him. The blessing of the
 wanderer came upon me: and I caused the widow's heart to shout.
 14 I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: my judgment *was* as a
 15 robe and hood. I was eyes to the blind, and feet *was* I to the lame.
 16 I *was* a father to the needy: and the cause *which* I knew not I
 17 searched out. And I brake the grinders of the iniquitous, and
 18 plucked the spoil out of his teeth. Then I said, I shall expire
 19 in my nest, and I shall multiply *my* days as the sand. My root is
 laid bare for the waters, and the dew lay all night upon my crop.
 20 My glory was fresh in me, and my bow was renewed in my hand.
 21 Unto me *men* gave ear, and waited, and kept silent at my counsel.
 22 After my words they spake not again: and my speech dropped upon
 23 them. And they waited for me as for the rain; and they opened their
 24 mouth wide *as* for the latter rain. *If* I laughed on them, they
 believed *it* not; and the light of my countenance they cast not down.
 25 I chose out their way, and sat chief, and dwelt as a king in the army,
 as one *that* comforteth the mourners.

1 CHAP. XXX.—But now *they that* are younger than I have me in
 derision, whose fathers I would have disdained to have set with the
 2 dogs of my flock. Yea, whereto *might* the strength of their hands
 3 *profit* me, whom successful accomplishment faileth? *They* are solitary,
 in want and famine; fleeing into the wilderness, into the gloom of
 4 desolation and waste; Plucking purslain on the bushes, and juniper

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5 roots *for* their meat. They were driven forth from among *men*, they
 6 cried after them as *after* the thief; To dwell in the horrid glens,
 7 in caves of the earth, and in the rocks. Among bushes they brayed;
 8 under nettles they were gathered together. *They were* base children,
 9 yea, nameless children; they were beaten out of the land. And now
 10 am I their song, yea, I am their byword. They abhor me, they flee
 11 far from me, and spare not to spit in my face. Because he hath
 loosed my cord, and afflicted me, they have also let loose the bridle
 12 before me. Upon *my right hand* rise the youth; they push away my
 feet, and they raise up against me the ways of their destruction.
 13 They mar my path, they set forward my calamity, they have no
 14 helper. They came *upon me through* a wide breach: amidst desola-
 15 tion they rolled themselves *upon me*. Terrors are turned upon me:
 they chase my authority like the wind: and my welfare passeth away
 16 as a cloud. And now my soul is poured out upon me; the days of
 17 affliction have taken hold upon me. My bones are pierced in me in
 18 the night season: and my veins take no rest.¹ By great force he
 disguiseth himself *in* my garment: he bindeth me about as the collar
 19 of my coat. He hath cast me into the mire, and I am become like
 20 dust and ashes. I cry for help unto thee, and thou dost not hear me:
 21 I stand up, and thou considerest about me. Thou art become cruel
 22 to me: with thy strong hand thou opposest thyself against me. Thou
 liftest me up to the wind; thou causest me to ride *upon it*, and *thy coun-*
 23 *sel* dissolveth me. Yea, I know *that* thou wilt bring me back to death,
 24 and to the house appointed for all living. Surely prayer *availeth* not
 when he stretcheth out his hand, though they cry when he destroyeth.
 25 If I wept not for him whose fate² was hard, grieved in my soul for the
 26 needy When I looked for good, then evil came *unto me*: and
 27 when I waited for light, there came thick darkness. My bowels
 boiled, and rested not: the days of affliction have come quickly upon
 28 me. I went about gloomy without sunshine: I stood up, *and* I
 29 cried in the congregation for help. I am a brother to jackals, and a
 30 companion to ostriches. My skin is black upon me, and my bones
 31 are burned with heat. My harp also is *turned* to mourning, and my
 pipe into the voice of them that weep.

1 CHAP. XXXI.—I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should
 2 I think upon a maid? And what *would become* of the portion of God
 3 from above, and the inheritance of the Almighty from on high? *Is*
 not destruction to the wicked? and a strange *punishment* to the
 4 workers of iniquity? Doth not he see my ways, and count all my steps?
 5 If I have walked with vanity, or if my foot hath hastened to deceit;
 6 Let me be weighed in an even balance, that God may know mine
 7 integrity. If my step hath turned out of the way, and my heart
 walked after mine eyes, and if any blot hath cleaved to my hands;
 8 *Then* let me sow, and let another eat; yea, let my offspring be rooted

¹ do not lie down.

² day.

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9 out. If my heart have been enticed about a woman, or *if* I have laid
 10 wait at my neighbour's door; *Then* let my wife grind unto another,
 11 and let others bow down upon her. For this *is* a heinous crime; yea,
 12 it *is* an iniquity *to be punished by* the judges. For it *is* a fire *that*
 13 consumeth to perdition, and would root out all mine increase. If I
 14 did despise the cause of my manservant or of my maidservant, when
 15 they contended with me; What then shall I do when God riseth
 16 up? and when he visiteth, what shall I answer him? Did not he
 17 that made me in the womb make him? and did not one fashion us in
 18 the womb? If I have withheld the poor from *their* desire, or have
 19 caused the eyes of the widow to fail; Or have eaten my morsel my-
 20 self alone, and the fatherless hath not eaten thereof; Whereas from
 21 my youth he grew up with me, as *with* a father, and I have guided her
 22 from my mother's womb; If I have seen a wanderer without clothing,
 23 or any needy without covering; If his loins have not blessed me, and
 24 *if* he were *not* warmed with fleece of my sheep; If I have shaken
 25 my hand at the fatherless, when I saw my help in the gate: *Then*
 26 let mine arm fall from my shoulder blade, and mine arm be broken
 27 from the elbow. For destruction *from* God *was* a terror to me, and
 28 by reason of his excellency I could not endure. If I have made gold
 29 my hope, or have said to the fine gold, *Thou art* my confidence: If
 30 I rejoiced because my wealth *was* great, and because my hand had
 31 gotten much; If I beheld the sun when it shined, or the moon walking
 32 in brightness; And my heart hath been secretly enticed, or my
 33 mouth hath kissed my hand: This also *were* an iniquity *to be pu-*
 34 *nished by* the judge: for I should have denied the God *that is* above.
 35 If I rejoiced at the destruction of him that hated me, or exerted my-
 36 self, when evil found him: *But* rather suffered not my palate to sin
 37 by wishing a curse to his soul; If the men of my tent said not,
 38 which *of us* will give of his own meat? we would rather not be satis-
 39 fied; That a stranger should not lodge in the street over night, I
 40 will open my door to the traveller; If I covered my transgressions, as
 41 Adam, by hiding mine iniquity in my bosom: Then let me fear a
 42 great multitude, let me also be struck dumb, let me be unable to go
 43 out of the door. Oh that one would hear me! behold, my plea is,
 44 let the Almighty answer me, and my adversary write an indictment.¹
 45 If I would not take it upon my shoulder, *and* bind it *as* a crown to
 46 me; Declare unto him the number of my steps; like a prince, go
 47 near unto him If my land cry against me, or that the furrows
 48 likewise thereof complain; If I have eaten the fruits thereof without
 49 money, or have caused the owners thereof to lose their life; Let
 50 thorns grow instead of wheat, and cockle instead of barley. The
 words of Job are ended.

1 CHAP. XXXII.—So these three men ceased to answer Job, because
 2 he *was* righteous in his own eyes. Then was kindled the wrath of
 Elihu, the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the family of Ram: against

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Job was his wrath kindled, because he justified himself rather than
 3 God. Also against his three friends was his wrath kindled, because
 4 they had found no answer, and *yet* had condemned Job. Now Elihu
 had waited till Job had spoken, because they *were* elder than he.
 5 When Elihu saw that *there was* no answer in the mouth of *these*
 6 three men, then his wrath was kindled. And Elihu, the son of
 Barachel the Buzite, answered and said, *I am* young, and ye *are* very
 old; wherefore I was afraid, and durst not shew you mine opinion.
 7 I said, Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach
 8 wisdom. But *there is* a spirit in man: and the breath of the
 9 Almighty giveth them understanding. Great men are not *always*
 10 wise: neither do the aged understand judgment. Therefore I said,
 11 Harken to me; I also will declare mine opinion. Behold, I waited for
 your words; I gave ear to your reasons, whilst ye searched out what
 12 to say. Yea, I attended unto you, and, behold, *there was* none of you
 13 that refuted Job, *or* that answered his words: Lest ye should say,
 We have found out wisdom: God will thrust him down, not man.
 14 Now he hath not directed *his* words against me: neither will I answer
 15 him with your speeches. They were amazed, they answered no more:
 16 they have put away words from themselves. Yet I waited, but they
 17 spake not; but they are at a stand, answer not again. *Then* I will
 18 answer also my part, I will also declare mine opinion; For I am full
 19 of matter, the spirit within me constraineth me. Behold, my belly *is*
 as wine *which* is not opened; it is ready to burst like new skin-
 20 bottles. I will speak, that I may give vent unto myself, I will open
 21 my lips and answer. Let me not, I pray you, accept any man's
 22 person, neither let me give flattering titles unto man. For I know
 not to give flattering titles; yet a little while, and my maker will
 carry me away.

1 CHAP. XXXIII.—Wherefore, Job, I pray thee, hear my speeches, and
 2 hearken to all my words. Behold, now I have opened my mouth,
 3 my tongue hath spoken in the roof of my mouth. My words *shall*
 be of the uprightness of my heart: and my lips shall utter knowledge
 4 clearly. The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the
 5 Almighty hath given me life. If thou canst answer me, set thy *words*
 6 in order before me, take thy stand. Behold, I *am* God's, according
 7 to thy word: I also am nipped off from clay. Behold, my terror
 shall not make thee afraid, neither shall my load be heavy upon
 8 thee. Surely thou hast spoken in my hearing, and I have heard the

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9 voice of *thy* words, *saying*, I am pure without transgression, I *am*
10 clean; neither *is there* iniquity in me. Behold, he seeketh estrange-
11 ment from me, he counteth me for his enemy. He putteth my feet
12 in the stocks, he marketh all my paths. Behold, *in* this thou art not
13 just: I will answer thee, that God is greater than man. Why dost
14 thou strive against him? *Is it* because he maketh no answer to any
15 of his words? Yet God speaketh once, yea twice; nevertheless, *man*
16 regardeth it not. In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep
17 sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed; Then he
18 openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction, That he may
19 withdraw man *from his* work, and hide pride from man. He keepeth
20 back his soul from the pit, and his life from passing away by the
21 deadly missile. He is chastened also with pain upon his bed, and
22 the multitude of his bones with continual *pain*: So that his life
23 abhorreth bread, and his soul dainty meat. His flesh is consumed
24 away, that it cannot be seen; and his bones *that* were not seen stick
25 out. Yea, his soul draweth near unto the pit, and his life to the
26 destroyers. If there be an angel about him, an interpreter, one
27 among a thousand, to shew unto man his uprightness: Then he is
28 gracious unto him, and sayeth, Deliver him from going down to the
29 pit: I have found a ransom. His flesh shall be fresher than child-
30 hood's: he shall return to the days of his youth: He shall pray
31 unto God, and he will be favourable unto him; and he shall see his
32 face with shouting: for he will render unto man his righteousness.
33 He is adverse to men, and *if any* say, I have sinned, and perverted
that which was right, and it profited me not; He will deliver his
soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light. Lo, all
these *things* worketh God twice, thrice, with man, To bring back his
soul from the pit, to be enlightened with the light of the living.
Mark well, O Job, hearken unto me: hold thy peace, and I will
speak. If thou hast anything to say, answer me: speak, for I desire
to justify thee. If not, hearken thou unto me: hold thy peace, and
I shall teach thee wisdom.

1 2 CHAP, XXXIV.—Furthermore Elihu answered and said, Hear my
words, O ye wise *men*; and give ear unto me, ye that have know-
3 4 ledge. For the ear trieth words, as the palate tasteth food. Let
us choose to us judgment: let us know among ourselves what *is*
5 good. For Job hath said, I am righteous: and God hath taken
6 away my right; *Otherwise* I should speak falsely concerning my
right; my wound¹ *is* incurable, *although I am* without transgression.
7 8 What man *is* like Job, *who* drinketh up scorning like water? And
goeth in company with the workers of iniquity, and walketh with

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9 wicked men. For he hath said, It profiteth a man nothing that he
 10 should delight himself with God. Therefore hearken unto me, ye
 men of understanding: far be it from God, *that he should do wicked-*
 11 *ness; and from the Almighty, that he should commit iniquity.* For the
 work of a man shall he render unto him, and cause every man to find
 12 according to *his* ways. Still less, forsooth, will God unjustly con-
 13 demn, or the Almighty pervert judgment. Who hath given him a
 14 charge over the earth? or who hath disposed the whole world? If
 he turn his mind to himself, *if* he gather unto himself his spirit and
 15 his breath; All flesh shall perish together, and man shall return
 16 unto dust. If now *thou hast* understanding, hear this: hearken to
 17 the voice of my words. Doth a hater of right govern? and wilt thou
 18 condemn him that is most just? *Is it fit* to say to a king, *Thou art*
 19 *wicked? and to nobles, Ye are ungodly? How much less to him that*
 accepteth not the persons of princes, nor regardeth the rich more
 20 than the poor? for they all *are* the work of his hands. In a moment
 they die, and the people is troubled at midnight, for they pass away,
 21 and the mighty are taken away without hand. For his eyes *are* upon
 22 the ways of man, and he seeth all his goings. *There is* no darkness,
 nor shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide them-
 23 selves. For he will not lay upon man more *than right*; that he
 24 should enter into judgment with God. He inscrutably breaketh in
 25 pieces mighty men, and setteth others in their stead. Truly he
 knoweth their deeds, and he overturneth *them* in the night, so that
 26 they are crushed. He striketh them as¹ wicked men in the open
 27 sight of others; Because they turned back from him, and would not
 28 consider any of his ways: To bring upon himself the cry of the
 29 indigent; for he heareth the cry of the afflicted. When he giveth
 quietness, who then can make trouble? and who will look at him,
 touching either a nation or an individual, when he hideth his face,
 30 From a hypocrite that reigneth, from the ensnarers of a people?
 31 Surely it is meet to be said unto God, I have borne *chastisement*,
 32 *although* I offended not: *That which* I see not, teach thou me: if I
 33 have done iniquity, I will do no more. Has *this* proceeded from
 thee? He will repay it, for thou hast been scornful; yet thou shalt
 34 choose, and not I: and what thou knowest speak. Men of under-
 35 standing will tell me, and a wise man will hearken unto me. Job
 hath spoken without knowledge, and his words *were* without wisdom.
 36 My father, may Job be tried unto the end, because of *his* answers
 37 among wicked men. For he addeth rebellion unto his sin, throweth
 out doubts among us, and multiplieth his words against God.

1 2 CHAP. XXXV.—Elihu spake moreover, and said, Thinkest thou
 this to be right, sayest thou, My righteousness *is* above God's?
 3 Because thou askest,² What advantage will it be unto thee? Wherein

¹ instead.

² sayest.

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4 do I profit more than had I sinned? I will answer thee, and thy
 5 companions with thee. Look unto the heavens, and see; and behold
 6 the sky *which is* higher than thou. If thou sinnest, what doest thou
 against me? or *if* thy transgressions be multiplied, what doest thou
 7 unto him? If thou be righteous, what givest thou him? or what
 8 receiveth he of thy hand? Thy wickedness *may hurt* a man as thou
 9 *art*; and thy righteousness *may profit* the son of man. The oppressed
 are made to cry out by reason of the multitudes, they cry for help;
 10 they cry out by reason of the arm of the mighty. But none
 11 saith, Where *is* God my maker, who giveth songs in the night; Who
 teacheth us through the beasts of the earth, and maketh us wise
 12 through the fowls of heaven? There they cry, but he answereth not,
 13 because of the pride of evil men; Yet in vain, God doth not hear,
 14 the Almighty doth not regard it. Although thou sayest thou shalt
 not see it, *yet* judgment *is* before him; and thou must expect it.
 15 And if there were nothing now, *yet* his anger would visit, although
 16 he should not severely chastise for the transgression. Therefore
 doth Job open his mouth in vain; he multiplieth words without
 knowledge.

1 2 CHAP. XXXVI.—Elihu also proceeded, and said, Suffer me a little,
 3 and I will shew thee that *I have* yet to speak on God's behalf. I
 will raise my thought to him in the distance, I will procure right for
 4 my Maker. For truly my word *shall not be* false: one upright in
 5 *his* opinions is with thee. Behold, God is mighty, and despiseth not
 6 *any*: *he is* mighty in strength *and* wisdom. He preserveth not the
 7 life of the wicked: but giveth *their* right to the poor. He with-
 draweth not his eyes from the righteous: but with kings *are they* on
 the throne; yea, he doth establish them for ever, and they are exalted.
 8 And if *they be* bound in fetters, *and* be holden in cords of affliction;
 9 Then he sheweth them their work, and their transgressions that they
 10 have been excessive. He openeth also their ear to correction, and
 11 commandeth that they return from iniquity. If they obey and serve
him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in
 12 pleasures. But if they obey not, they shall pass away through
 deadly missiles, and they shall perish through lack of knowledge.
 13 But the impious in heart heap up wrath: they cry not for help when
 14 he bindeth them. They die in youth, and their life *is* among those
 15 that prostitute themselves. He delivereth the poor through his afflic-
 16 tion, and openeth their ears through oppression. And even if he had
 enticed thee through the mouth of an adversary, roominess without
 strait would have been instead thereof, and the laying of thy table
 17 full of fatness. Yet thou art full of the cause of the wicked: cause
 18 and verdict support each other. Because *there is* wrath, he enticeth
 thee with abundance: let the largeness of the ransom not pervert
 19 thee. Will he esteem thy riches? *no*, not gold, nor all the forces of
 20 strength. Pant not for the night to rouse peoples *from* their place.
 21 Take heed, regard not iniquity: for on account of this wast thou proved
 22 by misery. Behold, God exalteth by his power: who teacheth like him?
 23 Who hath enjoined him his way? or who can say, Thou hast wrought
 24 iniquity? Remember that thou magnify his work, which men be-

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25 26 hold. All men may see it; man may behold *it* afar off. Behold,
 27 God *is* great, and we know *him* not, neither can the number of his
 28 years be searched out. For he maketh small the drops of water:
 29 they are strained into rain for his mist: Which the clouds do drop
 30 *and* drizzle upon man abundantly. Also can *any* understand the
 31 spreading of the clouds, *or* the noise of his tabernacle? Behold, he
 32 spreadeth his light upon it, and covereth the bottom¹ of the sea.
 33 For by them judges he the people, whilst giving food in abundance.
 34 He covereth light as though in the hollow *of his* hands; yet com-
 35 mandeth it to strike down. The noise thereof sheweth concerning it,
 36 what it seizeth, the wrath concerning iniquity.

1 CHAP. XXXVII.—At this also my heart trembleth, and boundeth out
 2 of its place. Hark, hark! his voice is a tumult, the sound goeth
 3 out of his mouth. He letteth it flash under the whole heaven, and
 4 his lightning unto the ends of the earth. After it a voice roareth:
 5 he thundereth with the voice of his excellency; and he will not stay
 6 them when his voice is heard. God thundereth marvellously with his
 7 voice; great things doeth he, which we cannot comprehend. For he
 8 saith to the snow, Be thou *on* the earth; likewise to the shower of
 9 rain, and to the showers of rain of his strength. On the hand of every
 10 person he impresseth his seal, to know the man of his own work.
 11 12 Then the beasts go into dens, and remain in their places. Out of
 13 the chambers cometh the whirlwind: and cold out of the *cloud* scat-
 14 terers. By the breath of God ice is given: and the breadth of the
 15 waters is straitened. Even when he charges the thick cloud with
 16 moisture, his light scattereth the cloud. And it is turned round
 17 about by his counsels: that they may do whatsoever he com-
 18 mandeth them upon the face of the world in the earth. He
 19 maketh it adequate, whether for correction, or for his land, or
 20 for mercy. Harken unto this, O Job: stand still, and con-
 21 sider the wondrous works of God. Dost thou know when God
 22 disposed them, and caused the light of his cloud to shine? Dost
 23 thou know the balancings of the thick clouds, the wondrous works of
 24 him who is perfect in knowledge? How thy garments *are* warm,
 25 when he quieteth the earth by the south *wind*? Hast thou with him
 26 spread out the sky, *which is* strong, *and* as a molten looking glass?
 27 Make known to us what we shall say unto him; *for* we cannot com-
 28 pare anything *to him* by reason of darkness. Shall it be told him
 29 that I stated, if a man sayeth *so*, surely he shall be destroyed? And
 30 now *men* see not the luminary in the skies; but the wind passeth, and
 31 cleareth them. Gold-like it cometh from the north: upon God *is*
 32 terrible majesty. The Almighty—we cannot find him out: *he is*
 33 excellent in power, and in judgment, and in plenty of justice: he will
 34 not afflict. Men do therefore fear him: he respecteth not any *that*
 35 *are* wise of heart.

¹ roots.

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1 CHAP. XXXVIII.—Then the Eternal answered Job out of the storm,
2 and said, Who *is* this that darkeneth counsel by words without
3 knowledge? Gird up thy loins like a man; for I will ask thee, and
4 answer thou me. Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of
5 the earth? declare if thou hast understanding. Who hath laid the
6 measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line
7 upon it? Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who
8 laid the corner stone thereof? When the morning stars sang to-
9 gether, and all the sons of God shouted for joy? Or *who* shut up
10 the sea with doors, in its urging forth as though it issued from a
11 womb? When I made the cloud the garment thereof, and thick
12 darkness a swaddling-band for it, And brake for it my decree, and
13 set bars and doors, And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no
14 further: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed? Hast thou
15 commanded the morning since thy days; *and* caused the dayspring
16 to know his place; To take hold of the wings of the earth, that the
17 wicked might be shaken out of it? It turneth round like a seal of
18 clay; and they stand as a garment. And from the wicked their light
19 is withholden, and the high arm shall be broken. Hast thou entered
20 into the springs of the sea? or hast thou walked in the search
21 of the depth? Have the gates of death been opened unto thee? or
22 hast thou seen the doors of the shadow of death? Hast thou per-
23 ceived the breadth of the earth? declare if thou knowest it all.
24 Where *is* the way *where* light dwelleth? and *as for* darkness, where
25 *is* the place thereof, That thou shouldest take it to the bound thereof,
26 and that thou shouldest know the paths *to* the house thereof?
27 Knowest thou *it*, because thou wast then born? or *because* the
28 number of thy days *is* great? Hast thou entered into the treasures
29 of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail, Which I
30 have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle
31 and war? By what way is the light parted, doth the east wind sweep
32 over the earth? Who hath divided a watercourse for the overflowing
33 of waters, or a way for the lightning of thunder; To cause it to rain
34 on the earth, *where* no man *is*; *on* the desert, wherein *there is* no man;
35 To satisfy the desolate and waste *ground*; and to cause the growth
36 of the tender herb to spring forth? Hath the rain a father? or who
37 hath begotten the drops of dew? Out of whose womb came the ice?
38 and the hoary frost of heaven, who hath gendered it? The waters
39 hiding themselves are like a stone, and the face of the deep
40 holdeth together. Canst thou bind the bands of Pleiades, or loose
41 the traces of Orion? Canst thou bring forth the zodiac in his
42 season? or canst thou guide Arturus with his sons? Knowest thou
43 the ordinances of heaven? canst thou set the dominion thereof in the

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34 earth? Canst thou lift up thy voice to the thick cloud, that abun-
 35 dance of waters may cover thee? Canst thou send lightnings, that
 36 they may go, and say unto thee, Here we *are*? Who hath put
 wisdom in the inward parts? or who hath given understanding to the
 37 intellect; Who can number the clouds in wisdom? or who can lay
 38 up the pitchers of heaven, When dust poureth forth in dense masses,
 39 and clods cleave fast together? Wilt thou hunt the prey for the
 40 lioness? or fill the appetite of the young lions, When they couch
 41 in *their* dens, *and* abide in the covert to lie in wait? Who provideth
 for the raven his food, when his young ones cry unto God, and
 wander for lack of meat?

1 CHAP. XXXIX.—Knowest thou the time when the wild goats of the
 rock bring forth? *or* canst thou mark when the hinds do calve?
 2 Canst thou number the months *that* they fulfil? or knowest thou the
 3 time when they bring forth? They bow themselves, they urge forth
 4 their young ones, they cast out their throats. Their young ones
 become vigorous, they grow up in the open air; they go forth, and
 5 return not unto them. Who hath sent forth the wild ass free? or
 6 who hath loosed the bands of the untamed? Whose house I have
 7 made the desert, and the salt land his dwellings. He scorneth the
 multitude of the city, neither heareth he the shoutings of the
 8 driver. The produce espied on mountains *is* his pasture, and he
 9 searcheth after every green thing. Will the buffalo be willing to
 10 serve thee, or abide over night by thy crib? Canst thou bind the
 buffalo with his band in the furrow? or will he harrow the valleys
 11 after thee? Wilt thou trust him, because his strength *is* great? or
 12 wilt thou leave thy labour to him? Wilt thou believe him, that he
 13 will bring home thy seed, and gather *it into* thy barn? The wing of the
 14 ostrich would exult, if pinion and feather were *those* of the stork. She
 15 would yet leave her eggs on the earth, and warm them in dust, And
 forget that the foot may crush them, or that the beast of the field
 16 may break them. She is hardened against her young ones, for
 17 those not her's: being careless, her labour is in vain; Because
 God hath deprived her of wisdom, neither hath he imparted to her
 18 understanding. What time she lifteth up herself on high, she
 19 scorneth the horse and his rider. Canst thou give the horse
 20 strength? Canst thou clothe his neck with the stately mane? Canst
 thou make him leap as a grasshopper? the majesty of his snorting
 21 *inspires* awe. He spieth in the valley, and rejoiceth in *his* strength:
 22 he goeth on to meet the armed. He mocketh at fear, and is not
 23 affrighted; neither turneth he back from the sword. The quiver
 24 rattleth against him, the glittering spear and the shield. He paweth
 the ground with fierceness and rage: neither believeth he that *it is*
 25 the sound of the trumpet. At the din of the trumpet he sayeth,
 Aha! and he smelleth the battle afar off, the thunder of the captains,

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26 and the shouting. Doth the hawk fly by thy wisdom, *and* stretch
27 her wings toward the south? Doth the eagle mount up at thy com-
28 mand, and make her nest on high? She dwelleth and abideth on
29 the rock, upon the crag of the rock, and the strong place. From
30 thence she espieth her prey, *and* her eyes behold afar off. Her
young ones also suck up blood: and where the slain *are*, there *is* she.

1 2 CHAP. XL.—Moreover the Eternal answered Job, and said, Shall
contending with the Almighty correct *him*? he that reproveth God,
3 let him answer it. Then Job answered the Eternal, and said,
4 Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? I will lay my hand
5 upon my mouth. Once have I spoken; but I will not answer: yea,
6 twice; but I will proceed no further. Then answered the Eternal
7 unto Job out of the storm, and said, Gird up thy loins now like a
8 man: I will ask thee, and declare thou unto me. Wilt thou also
9 make void my judgment? wilt thou condemn me, that thou may-
10 est be righteous? Hast thou an arm like God? or canst thou
11 thunder with a voice like him? Deck thyself now *with* majesty and
12 excellency; and array thyself with glory and beauty. Cast abroad
the rage of thy wrath: and behold every one *that is* proud, and abase
13 him. Look on every one *that is* proud, *and* bring him low; and
14 tread down the wicked in their place. Hide them in the dust
15 together; *and* bandage their faces in the secret place. Then will I
also confess unto thee that thine own right hand shall save thee.
16 Behold now the river-horse, which I have made with thee; he eateth
17 grass as an ox. Lo now, his strength *is* in his loins, and his vigour
18 *is* in the muscles of his body. He moveth his tail like a cedar: the
19 sinews of his thighs are wrapped together. His bones *are* pipes of
20 copper; his bones *are* like bars of iron. He *is* the chief of the ways
of God: he that made him can *alone* reach his sword, That the
mountains should bring forth food for him, and all the beasts of the
21 field play there. He lieth under wild lotuses, in the covert of the
22 reed, and fens. Wild lotuses cover him *with* their shadow; willows
23 of the brook compass him about. Behold, should a river overflow,
he hasteth not; he feels secure should Jordan burst forth up to his
24 mouth. He taketh it in with his eyes: *his* nose pierceth through
25 snares. Canst thou draw out a crocodile with a hook? or his tongue
26 with a cord *which* thou lettest down? Canst thou put a reed into his
27 nose? or bore his jaw through with a thorn? Will he make many
28 supplications unto thee? will he speak soft *words* unto thee? Will
he make a covenant with thee? wilt thou take him for a servant for
29 ever? Wilt thou play with him as *with* a bird? or wilt thou bind
30 him for thy maidens? Shall the companions make a banquet of him?

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31 shall they part him among the merchants? Canst thou fill his skin
32 with barbed irons? or his head with fish spears? Lay thy hand upon him, thou wilt no more remember the battle.

1 CHAP. XLI.—Behold, the hope of him is in vain: shall not *one* be
2 cast down even at the sight of him? None *is so* fierce that dare stir
3 him up: who then is able to stand before me? Who hath forestalled
4 me, that I should repay *him? whatsoever is* under the whole heaven is
5 mine. I will not be silent of his parts, nor of the matter of his power,
6 nor of his comely proportion. Who can uncover the face of his gar-
7 ment? who would enter the double *row* in his jaw. Who can open
8 the doors of his face? his teeth *are* terrible round about. The
9 strength of his shields *are his* pride, shut up together *as with* a close
10 seal. One is so near to another, that no air can come between them.
11 They are joined one to another, they stick together, that they cannot
12 be sundered. His snortings make light to shine, and his eyes *are* like
13 the eyelids of the morning dawn. Out of his mouth go burning lamps,
14 and sparks of fire escape. Out of his nostrils goeth smoke, as *out of*
15 a seething pot or cauldron. His breath kindleth live coals, and a
16 flame goeth out of his mouth. In his neck abideth strength, and
17 before him danceth terror. The flakes of his flesh are joined toge-
18 ther: they are firm in themselves; they cannot be moved. His
19 heart is as firm as a stone; yea, as hard as a nether millstone. When
20 he raiseth himself up, the mighty are afraid; by reason of breakings
21 they lose themselves. The sword of him that layeth at him cannot
22 hold: the spear, the dart, nor the habergeon. He esteemeth iron as
23 straw, and copper as rotten wood. The arrow cannot make him
24 flee: slingstones are turned with him into stubble. Clubs are
25 counted as stubble: he laugheth at the shaking of a spear. His
26 under-parts are *like* sharp points of potsherd: he spreadeth sharp
points upon the mire. He maketh the deep to boil like a pot: he
maketh the sea like a pot of ointment. He maketh a path to shine
after him; *one* would think the deep *to be* hoary. Upon earth there
is not his like, who is made without fear. He beholdeth all high
things; he *is* a king over all the children of pride.

1 2 CHAP. XLII.—Then Job answered the Eternal, and said, I know
that thou canst do every *thing*, and *that* no purpose of thine can be
3 frustrated. Who *is* he that hideth counsel without knowledge?
therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful
4 for me, which I knew not. Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak:
5 I will ask thee, and declare thou unto me. I have heard of thee by
6 the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I

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7 abhor *myself*, and repent in dust and ashes. And it was *so*, that
 after the Eternal had spoken these words unto Job, the Eternal said
 to Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrath is kindled against thee, and
 against thy two friends: for ye have not spoken of me *the thing that*
 8 *is* right, as my servant Job *hath*. Therefore take unto you now
 seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer
 up for yourselves a burnt offering; and my servant Job shall pray for
 you: for him will I accept: lest I deal with you *after your* folly, in
 that ye have not spoken of me *the thing which is* right, like my ser-
 9 vant Job. So Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, *and*
 Zophar the Naamathite, went, and did according as the Eternal com-
 10 manded them: the Eternal also accepted Job. And the Eternal
 turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the
 11 Eternal gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then came there
 unto him all his brethren, and all his sisters, and all they that had
 been of his acquaintance before, and did eat bread with him in his
 house: and they condoled with him, and comforted him over all the
 evil that the Eternal had brought upon him: every man also gave
 12 him a kesitah of *money*, and every one a ring of gold. So the Eternal
 blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning: for he had
 fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand
 13 yoke of oxen, and a thousand she asses. He had also seven sons and
 14 three daughters. And he called the name of the first Jemima; and
 the name of the second, Kezia; and the name of the third Keren-
 15 happuch. And in all the land were no women found *so* fair as the
 daughters of Job, and their father gave them inheritance among their
 16 brethren. After this lived Job a hundred and forty years, and saw
 17 his sons, and his sons' sons, *even* four generations. So Job died,
being old and full of days.

THE SONG OF SOLOMON.

1 2 CHAP. I.—The song of songs, which *is* Solomon's. Let him kiss
me with the kisses of his mouth : for thy caresses are better than
3 wine. Good for odour are thine ointments, thy name *is as* oil poured
4 forth, therefore do the maidens love thee. Draw me, we will run
after thee: the king hath brought me into his chambers : we will be
glad and rejoice in thee, we will remember thy caresses above wine :
5 the upright love thee. I *am* black, but comely, O ye daughters of
6 Jerusalem, as the tents of Kedar, as the curtains of Solomon. Look
not upon me, because I *am* dark, because the sun hath browned me :
my mother's children were angry with me ; they made me the keeper
7 of the vineyards ; *but* mine one vineyard have I not kept. Tell me,
O thou whom my soul loveth, where thou feedest, where thou makest
thy flock to rest at noon : for wherefore should I be as one veiled among
8 the flocks of thy companions ? If thou know not, O thou fairest
among women, go thy way forth by the footsteps of the flock, and
9 feed thy kids beside the shepherds' tents. I compare thee, O my
10 love, to my steed¹ in one of Pharaoh's chariots. Thy cheeks are
11 comely with rows *of jewels*, thy neck with strings *of pearls*. We will
12 make thee borders² of gold with studs of silver. While the king *is*
13 in his circle, my spikenard sendeth forth the smell thereof. A bundle
of myrrh *is* my wellbeloved unto me ; he shall lie all night betwixt
14 my breasts. My beloved *is* unto me *as* a bunch of cypress-flowers in
15 the vineyards of En-gedi. Behold, thou *art* fair, my love ; behold,
16 thou *art* fair ; thine eyes are doves. Behold, thou *art* fair, my be-
17 loved, yea, pleasant : also our bedstead *is* green. The beams of our
house *are* cedar, *and* our rafters of cypress.

1 2 CHAP. II.—I *am* the lily of Sharon, *and* the rose of the valleys. As
3 the rose among thorns, so *is* my love among the daughters. As the
apple tree among the trees of the wood, so *is* my beloved among the
sons. I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit
4 *was* sweet to my palate. He brought me to the banqueting³ house,

¹ mare

² rows.

³ wine.

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5 and his banner over me *was* love. Stay me with grape-cakes, comfort
 6 me with apples: for I *am* sick of love. His left hand *is* under my
 7 head, and his right hand doth embrace me. I adjure you, O ye
 8 daughters of Jerusalem, by the gazelles, and by the hinds of the field,
 9 if ye stir up, or awake *my* love, till it please . . . The voice of
 my beloved! behold, he cometh leaping over the mountains, bound-
 10 ing over the hills. My beloved *is* like a gazelle or a young one of the
 hinds: behold, he standeth behind our wall, he looketh forth through
 11 the windows, glancing through the lattice. My beloved spake,¹ and
 12 said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. For,
 13 lo, the winter is past, the rain is over *and* gone; The flowers appear
 on the earth; the time of the singing *of birds* is come, and the voice
 14 of the turtle is heard in our land; The fig tree sweeteneth² her
 green figs, and the vines are in blossom, giving a *good* smell. Arise,
 15 my love, my fair one, and come away. O my dove, *that art* in the
 clefts of the rock, in the secret *places* of the cliff, let me see thy coun-
 16 tenance *is* comely. Take us jackals, little jackals, that spoil the
 17 vines: for our vines *are* in blossom. My beloved *is* mine, and I *am*
 his: he feedeth among the roses. Until the day cooleth,³ and the
 shadows flee away, turn, my beloved, and be thou like a gazelle or a
 young one of the hinds upon the mountains of separation.

1 CHAP. III.—By night on my couch I sought him whom my soul
 2 loveth: I sought him, but I found him not. I will rise now, and go
 about the city in the streets, and in the broad ways I will seek him
 3 whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not. The
 watchmen that go about the city found me: *to whom I said*, Saw ye
 4 him whom my soul loveth? *It was* but a little that I passed from
 them, but I found him whom my soul loveth: I held him, and would
 not let him go, until I had brought him into my mother's house,
 5 and into the chamber of her that conceived me. I adjure you, O ye
 daughters of Jerusalem, by the gazelles, and by the hinds of the
 6 field, if ye stir up, or awake *my* love, till it please . . . Who *is* this
 that cometh up from the desert like pillars of smoke, perfumed with
 myrrh and frankincense, *aromatic* above all powders of the merchant?
 7 Behold his bed, which *is* Solomon's; threescore heroes *are* about it,
 8 of the heroes of Israel. They all are sword-armed, expert in war:
 every man *hath* his sword upon his thigh because of dread in the
 9 night. King Solomon made himself a palanquin of the wood of Le-
 10 banon. He made the pillars thereof *of* silver, the stay thereof *of*

¹ answered.

² embalmeth.

³ bloweth.

SOLOMON'S SONG III., IV., V.

gold, the seat of it *of* purple, the midst thereof—love, paved by
 11 daughters of Jerusalem. Go forth, O ye daughters of Zion, and
 behold King Solomon with the crown wherewith his mother crowned
 him in the day of his espousals, and in the day of the gladness of his
 heart.

1 CHAP. IV.—Behold, thou *art* fair, my love ; behold, thou *art* fair ;
 2 thine eyes behind thy veil : thy hair *is* as a flock of goats, that appear
 2 from Mount Gilead. Thy teeth *are* like a flock *of* sheep well propor-
 3 tioned ; which came up from the washing : all of whom are paired,
 3 and none of them bereaved. Thy lips *are* like a thread of scarlet,
 and thy mouth *is* lovely : thy cheeks *are* like a piece of pomegranate
 4 behind thy veil. Thy neck *is* like the tower of David built for
 instruction : a thousand shields are being upon it, all shields of the
 5 heroes. Thy two breasts are like two fawns, twins of a gazelle which
 6 feed among the roses. Until the day cooleth, and the shadows flee
 away, I will get me to the mountain of myrrh, and to the hill of
 7 frankincense. Thou art fair, my love, and there is no blemish in
 8 thee. With me, from Lebanon, *my* betrothed, with me come from Le-
 banon : thou shalt look from the top of Amana, from the top of
 9 panthers. Thou hast ravished my heart, my sister, *my* betrothed ;
 thou hast ravished my heart with one of thine eyes, with one chain
 10 of thy neck. How fair is thy love, my sister, *my* betrothed, how
 much better is thy love than wine ! and the odour of thine ointments¹
 11 than all spices. Thy lips, O *my* betrothed, drop like honey comb :
 honey and milk are under thy tongue, and the odour of thy garments
 12 is as the odour of Lebanon. A closed garden *is* my sister, *my* be-
 13 trothed ; a closed spring, a sealed fountain. Thy shoots *are* like an
 orchard of pomegranates, with precious fruit, cypresses, and spikenard ;
 14 Spikenard and saffron, calamus and cinnamon, with all sorts of frank-
 15 incense, trees, myrrh, and aloes : with all the chief spices, *With* a
 garden's fountain, a well of living water, and streams from Lebanon.
 16 Awake, O north wind, and come, thou south ; blow upon my garden,
that the spices thereof may flow out. Let my beloved come into his
 garden, and eat his delicious fruit.

1 CHAP. V.—I am come into my garden, my sister, my betrothed :
 I have gathered my myrrh, and my spice. I have eaten my honey-
 comb, with my honey. I have drunk my wine with my milk ; eat,
 2 O friends ; drink, and get intoxicated, O beloved ! I sleep, but my
 heart waketh ; it is the voice of my beloved that knocketh, *saying*,

¹ oils.

SOLOMON'S SONG V., VI.

Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my perfect one; for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with drops of the night.
 3 I have put off my inner garment; how shall I put it on? I have
 4 washed my feet; how shall I soil them? My beloved drew his hand
 5 from the *door* hole, and my feelings¹ were moved for him. I rose to
 6 open to my beloved, and my hands dropped with myrrh, and my
 6 fingers with liquid myrrh upon the handles of the bolt. I opened to
 my beloved; but my beloved had withdrawn himself, and was gone;
 my soul departed when he spake: I sought him, but I could not
 7 find him; I called him, but he gave me no answer. The watchmen
 that went about the city found me, they smote me, they wounded me,
 8 the keepers of the ramparts took away my veil from me. I adjure you,
 O daughters of Jerusalem, if ye shall find my beloved, what will ye
 9 tell him? That I am sick of love. What is thy beloved more than
 another beloved, O thou fairest among women? What is thy be-
 10 loved more than another beloved that thou thus adjurest us? My
 11 beloved is white and ruddy, conspicuous above a myriad. His head
 12 is as the finest gold, his locks are flowing, black as the raven. His
 eyes like doves on water streams are bathing in milk, sitting on full-
 13 ness. His cheeks are like beds of the spices, elevations² of ointments;
 14 his lips *are like* roses, dropping liquid myrrh. His hands are like
 golden cylinders, inlaid with chrysolite: his belly is as bright ivory,
 15 covered with sapphires. His legs are as pillars of marble, based
 upon sockets of fine gold: his appearance is like that of the Lebanon,
 16 distinguished as the cedars. His speech³ is most sweet: yea, he is
 altogether lovely. This is my beloved, and this is my friend, O
 daughters of Jerusalem.

1 CHAP. VI.—Whither is thy beloved gone, O thou fairest among
 women? Whither is thy beloved turned away? That we may seek
 2 him with thee. My beloved is gone down into his garden, to the beds
 3 of the spice, to feed in the gardens, and to gather roses. I am my
 beloved's, and my beloved is mine: he who feedeth among the roses.
 4 Thou art beautiful, O my love, as Tirzah, comely as Jerusalem,
 5 awe-inspiring as bannered *hosts*. Turn away thine eyes from me,
 for they have overcome me. Thy hair is as a flock of goats, that
 6 appear from Gilead. Thy teeth *are like* a flock of sheep which go up
 from the washing; all of which are paired, and not one among them is
 7 bereaved. Like a piece of the pomegranate are thy cheeks behind thy
 8 veil. Threescore are queens, and fourscore concubines and young
 9 women without number. She is my only one, my perfect *beauty*, the
 only one of her mother, the choice one of her that bare her: daughters
 saw her, and praised her; queens also and concubines, and extolled
 10 her. Who is it that looketh forth as the morn, fair as the moon,
 11 clear as the sun, awe-inspiring as bannered *armies*? I went down
 into the nut garden, to look at the verdure of the brook, to see whe-
 ther the vine flourished, whether the pomegranates were in bloom.
 12 I knew not, *but* my soul carried me among the chariots of the noblest
 of my people.

¹ bowels.

² towers.

³ palate.

SOLOMON'S SONG VII., VIII.

1 CHAP. VII.—Return, return, O Shulamite; return, return, that we
 may look at thee. What will you see in the Shulamite? Like the
 2 dances of double companies. How beautiful are thy steps in the shoes,
 O daughter of a noble! The arches of thy thighs are like necklaces,
 3 the work of an artist's hands. Thy navel is like a round bowl; let
 not spiced wine be wanted in it: Thy body is like a heap of wheat,
 4 set about with roses. Thy two breasts are like two young fawns,
 5 twins of a gazelle. Thy neck is like a tower of ivory; thine eyes
 are as the pools in Heshbon by a gate of great concourse; thy nose
 6 is as the tower of the Lebanon, looking towards Damascus. Thy
 head upon thee *is* like Carmel, and the tresses of thy head like red
 7 purple; the king *is* held in the galleries. How fair and how pleasant
 8 art thou, O love, for delights! This, thy stature, is like to a palm
 9 tree, and thy breasts to clusters *of grapes*. I said, I will go up to
 the palm tree, I will take hold of the boughs thereof: now also thy
 breasts shall be as clusters of the vine, and the odour of thy breath¹
 10 like apples; And thy palate like the best wine for my beloved, that
 goeth *down* smoothly, causing the lips of those that are asleep to
 11 12 speak. *I am* my beloved's, and his desire is towards me. Come,
 my beloved, let us go forth into the field; let us lodge in the villages.
 13 Let us get up early to the vineyards; let us see if the vine flourish,
whether the bud opens, *and* the pomegranates bud forth: there
 14 will I give thee my loves. The mandrakes give a smell, and at our
 doors *are* all manner of precious *fruits*, new and old, *which* I have
 laid up for thee, O my beloved.

1 CHAP. VIII.—O that thou *wert* as my brother, that sucked the breasts
 of my mother! *when* I should find thee without, I would kiss thee;
 2 yea, I should not be despised. I would lead thee, *and* bring thee
 into my mother's house, thou shouldest instruct me: I would cause
 thee to drink of spiced wine of the juice of my pomegranate.
 3 His left hand *should be* under my head, and his right hand should
 4 embrace me. I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, wherefore do
 ye stir up, and wherefore awaken the love before² it be its pleasure?
 5 Who *is* this that cometh up from the desert, leaning upon her
 beloved? I roused thee under the apple tree: there thy mother
 brought thee forth: there she brought thee forth *that* bare thee.
 6 Set me as a seal upon thy heart, as a seal upon thine arm:
 for love *is* strong as death; zeal *is* unyielding as *the* grave: the burn-
 7 ings thereof *are* of fire, burning flames of the Eternal. Many
 waters cannot quench love, neither can rivers sweep it away, if a
 man would give all the substance of his house for love, it would
 8 utterly be contemned. We have a little sister, and she hath no
 breasts: what shall we do for our sister in the day when she shall be
 9 spoken for? If she *be* a rampart, we will build upon her a palace of
 silver: and if she *be* a door, we will inclose her with boards of cedar.

¹ nose.

² until.

SOLOMON'S SONG VIII.—RUTH I.

- 10 I *am* a rampart, and my breasts like towers : then was I in his eyes as
11 one that found peace. Solomon had a vineyard at Baal-ha-mon ; he
let out the vineyard unto keepers : every one for the fruit thereof
12 was to bring a thousand *pieces* of silver. My vineyard, which *is*
mine, is before me : Be the thousands thine, O Solomon, and the two
13 hundred to the keepers of the fruit. Thou that dwellest in the gar-
dens, the companions hearken to thy voice : cause me to hear it.
14 Make haste, my beloved, and be thou like to a gazelle, or to a young
one of the hind upon the mountains of spices.
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THE BOOK OF RUTH.

- 1 CHAP. I.—Now it came to pass in the days when the judges ruled,
that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Beth-
lehem-judah went to sojourn in the fields of Moab, he, and his wife,
2 and his two sons. And the name of the man *was* Elimelech, and the
name of his wife Naomi, and the name of his two sons Mahlon and
Chilion, Ephrathites of Beth-lehem-judah. And they came into the
3 fields of Moab, and continued there. And Elimelech, Naomi's hus-
4 band, died ; and she was left, and her two sons. And they took
them Moabite wives ; the name of the one *was* Orpah, and the name
5 of the other Ruth : and they dwelled there about ten years. And
Mahlon and Chilion died also, both of them ; and the woman was left
6 of her two sons and her husband. Then she arose with her daugh-
ters in law, that she might return from the fields of Moab ; for she
had heard in the fields of Moab how that the Eternal had visited his
7 people in giving them bread. Wherefore she went forth out of the
place where she was, and her two daughters in law with her ; and they

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8 went on the way to return unto the land of Judah. And Naomi said unto her two daughters in law, Go, return each to her mother's house : the Eternal deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt with the
9 dead, and with me. The Eternal grant you that ye may find rest, each of *you* in the house of her husband. Then she kissed them ;
10 and they lifted up their voice, and wept. And they said unto her,
11 Surely, we will return with thee unto thy people. And Naomi said, Return, my daughters : wherefore will ye go with me ? *are* there yet
12 *any more* sons in my body, that they may be your husbands ? Return, my daughters, go *your way* ; for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say, I have hope, *if* I should have a husband
13 also to night, and should also bear sons ; Would ye tarry for them till they were grown ? would ye shut yourselves up for them from having husbands ? nay, my daughters ; for it grieveth me much for
14 your sakes that the hand of the Eternal is gone out against me. And they lifted up their voice, and wept again : and Orpah kissed her
15 mother in law ; but Ruth clave unto her. And she said, Behold, thy sister in law is gone back unto her people, and unto her gods : return thou after thy sister in law. And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, *or* to return from following after thee : for whither thou goest, I will go ; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge : thy people
17 *shall be* my people, and thy God my God : Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried : the Eternal do so to me, and more
18 also, surely death *alone* shall part thee and me. When she saw that she was stedfastly minded to go with her, then she left speaking
19 unto her. So they two went until they came to Beth-lehem. And it came to pass, when they were come to Beth-lehem, that all the city was in commotion about them, and they said, *Is* this Naomi ?
20 And she said unto them, Call me not Naomi, call me Mara : for
21 the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me. I went out full, and the Eternal hath brought me home again empty : wherefore *then* call ye me Naomi, seeing the Eternal hath testified against me, and
22 the Almighty hath afflicted me ? So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter in law, with her, who returned out of the field of Moab : and they came to Beth-lehem in the beginning of barley harvest.

1 CHAP. II.—And Naomi had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of wealth,¹ of the family of Elimelech ; and his name *was* Boaz.
2 And Ruth the Moabitess said unto Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of corn after *him* in whose sight I shall find
3 grace. And she said unto her, Go, my daughter. And she went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers : and her hap was to light on a part of the field *belonging* unto Boaz, who *was* of

¹ force.

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4 the family of Elimelech. And, behold, Boaz came from Beth-lehem,
 and said unto the reapers, The Eternal *be* with you. And they
 5 answered him, The Eternal bless thee. Then said Boaz unto his
 6 servant that was set over the reapers, Whose damsel *is* this? And
 the servant that was set over the reapers answered and said, It *is* a
 Moabitish damsel, that came back with Naomi out of the fields of
 7 Moab: And she said, Pray, let me glean and gather after the
 reapers among the sheaves: so she came, and hath continued even
 from the morning until now; this her sitting down *in the* house is a
 8 little while. Then said Boaz unto Ruth, Hearest thou not, my
 daughter? Go not to glean in another field, neither go from hence,
 9 but abide here fast by my maidens: *Let* thine eyes *be* on the
 field that they do reap, and go thou after them: have I not com-
 manded the young men that they shall not touch thee? and when
 thou art athirst, go unto the vessels, and drink of *that* which the
 10 young men have drawn. Then she fell on her face, and prostrated
 herself to the earth, and said unto him, Why have I found grace in
 thine eyes, that thou shouldest take knowledge of me, seeing I *am*
 11 an alien? And Boaz answered and said unto her, It hath fully been
 told me, all that thou hast done unto thy mother-in-law since the
 death of thy husband: and *how* thou hast left thy father and thy
 mother, and the land of thy nativity, and art come unto a people
 12 which thou knewest not yesterday, *or* before yesterday. The Eternal
 recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the Eternal
 13 God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust. Then she
 said, Let me find grace in thy sight, my lord; for that thou hast
 comforted me, and for that thou hast spoken to the heart of thy
 14 handmaid, though I be not like unto one of thy handmaidens. And
 Boaz said unto her, At meal-time come thou hither, and eat of the
 bread, and dip thy morsel in the vinegar. And she sat beside the
 reapers: and he reached her parched *corn*, and she did eat, and was
 15 sufficed, and left. And when she was risen up to glean, Boaz com-
 manded his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the
 16 sheaves, and do not put her to shame: And let fall also *some* of the
 handfulls of purpose for her, and leave *them*, that she may glean
 17 *them*, and rebuke her not. So she gleaned in the field until even,
 and beat out that she had gleaned: and it was about an ephah of
 18 barley. And she took *it* up, and went into the city: and her mother-
 in-law saw what she had gleaned: and she brought forth, and gave
 19 to her that she had reserved after she was sufficed. And her mother-
 in-law said unto her, Where hast thou gleaned to day? and where
 wroughtest thou? blessed be he that did take knowledge of thee.
 And she told her mother-in-law with whom she had wrought, and
 said, The man's name with whom I wrought to day *is* Boaz. And

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Naomi said unto her daughter-in-law, Blessed *be* he of the Eternal, who hath not left off his kindness to the living and to the dead. And Naomi said unto her, The man *is* nearly related unto
 21 us, one of our next kinsmen. And Ruth the Moabitess said, He said unto me also, Thou shalt keep fast by my young men, until
 22 they have ended all my harvest. And Naomi said unto Ruth her daughter-in-law, *It is* good, my daughter, that thou go out with his
 23 maidens, that they meet thee not in any other field. So she kept fast by the maidens of Boaz to glean unto the end of barley harvest and of wheat harvest ; and dwelt with her mother-in-law.

1 CHAP. III.—Then Naomi, her mother-in-law, said unto her, My daughter, shall I not seek rest for thee, that it may be well with
 2 thee? And now *is* not Boaz our relative, with whose maidens thou wast? Behold, he winnoweth barley to-night in the threshing floor.
 3 Bathe thyself therefore, and anoint thee, and put thy raiment upon thee, and get thee down to the threshing floor: *but* make not thyself known unto the man, until he shall have done eating and drinking.
 4 And it shall be, when he lieth down, that thou shalt mark the place where he shall lie, and thou shalt go in, and uncover his feet, and
 5 lay thee down; and he will tell thee what thou shalt do. And she
 6 said unto her, All that thou sayest unto me, I will do. And she went down unto the threshing floor, and did according to all that her
 7 mother-in-law bade her. And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of corn: and she came softly, and uncovered his feet, and laid her
 8 down. And it came to pass at midnight, that the man was afraid,
 9 and turned himself: and, behold, a woman lay at his feet. And he said, Who *art* thou? And she answered, I *am* Ruth, thy maid-servant: spread therefore thy skirt over thy maid-servant; for thou *art*
 10 a near kinsman. And he said, Blessed *be* thou of the Eternal, my daughter: *for* thou hast made thy latter kindness to excel the former, inasmuch as thou followedst not the young men, whether poor
 11 or rich. And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou sayest: for all the city of my people doth know that thou *art* a
 12 virtuous woman. And now it is true that I *am* *thy* near kinsman:
 13 howbeit there is a kinsman nearer than I. Tarry this night, and it shall be in the morning, *that* if he will perform unto thee the part of a kinsman, well; let him do the kinsman's part: but if he will not do the part of a kinsman to thee, then will I do the part of a kinsman to thee, *as* the Eternal liveth: lie down until the morning.
 14 And she lay at his feet until the morning: and she rose up before one could know another. And he said, Let it not be known that a

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15 woman came into the threshing floor. Also he said, Bring the cloak that *thou hast* upon thee, and hold it. And when she held it, he measured six *measures* of barley, and laid *it* on her, and went into the city. And when she came to her mother in law, she said, Who *art* thou, my daughter? And she told her all that the man had done to her. And she said, These six *measures* of barley gave he me; for he said to me, Go not empty unto thy mother in law. Then said she, Sit still, my daughter, until thou know how the matter will fall: for the man will not be in rest, until he have finished the thing this day.

1 CHAP. IV.—Then went Boaz up to the gate, and sat him down there: and, behold, the kinsman of whom Boaz spake came by; unto whom he said, Ho, such a one! turn aside, sit down here. And he turned
2 aside, and sat down. And he took ten men of the elders of the
3 city, and said, Sit ye down here. And they sat down. And he said unto the kinsman, Naomi, that is come again out of the fields of Moab, sold the parcel of the field, which *was* our brother Elimelech's:
4 And I thought to apprise thee, saying, Buy *it* before the inhabitants, and before the elders of my people. If thou wilt redeem *it*, redeem *it*: but if thou wilt not redeem *it*, *then* tell me, that I may know; for *there is* none to redeem *it* beside thee; and I *am* after thee. And
5 he said, I will redeem *it*. Then said Boaz, What day thou acquirest the field of the hand of Naomi, thou hast acquired *it* also of Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead, to raise up the name of the
6 dead upon his inheritance. And the kinsman said, I cannot redeem *it* for myself, lest I mar mine own inheritance: redeem thou my
7 right to thyself; for I cannot redeem *it*. Now this *was the manner* in former time in Israel concerning redeeming and concerning changing, for to confirm all things; a man plucked off his shoe, and gave
8 *it* to his neighbour: and this *was* a testimony in Israel. Therefore the kinsman said unto Boaz, acquire *it* for thee. So he drew off his
9 shoe. And Boaz said unto the elders, and *unto* all the people, Ye *are* witnesses this day, that I have acquired all that *was* Elimelech's, and all that *was* Chilion's, and Mahlon's, of the hand of Naomi.
10 Moreover Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, have I acquired to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance, that the name of the dead be not cut off from among his brethren,
11 and from the gate of his place: ye *are* witnesses this day. And all the people that *were* in the gate, and the elders, said, *We are* witnesses. The Eternal make the woman that is come into thy house like Rachel and like Leah, which two did build the house of Israel: and do thou worthily in Ephratah, and be famous in Beth-lehem:
12 And let thy house be like the house of Pharez, whom Tamar bare unto Judah, of the seed which the Eternal shall give thee of this

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13 young woman. So Boaz took Ruth, and she was his wife: and when
he came unto her, the Eternal gave her pregnancy, and she bare a
14 son. And the women said unto Naomi, Blessed *be* the Eternal who
hath not left thee this day without a kinsman, that his name may
15 be famous in Israel. And he shall be unto thee a restorer of *thy*
life, and a nourisher of thine old age: for thy daughter in law, who
loveth thee, who is better to thee than seven sons, hath born him.
16 And Naomi took the child, and laid it in her bosom, and became
17 nurse unto it. And the women her neighbours gave it a name, say-
ing, There is a son born to Naomi; and they called his name Obed:
18 he *is* the father of Jesse, the father of David. Now these *are* the
19 generations of Pharez: Pharez begat Hezron, And Hezron begat
20 Ram, and Ram begat Amminadab, And Amminadab begat Nah-
21 shon, and Nahshon begat Salmon, And Salmon begat Boaz, and
22 Boaz begat Obed, And Obed begat Jessie, and Jessie begat David.

THE LAMENTATIONS OF JEREMIAH.

- 1 CHAP. I.—How doth the city sit solitary, *that was* full of people!
how is she become as a widow! she *that was* great among the na-
tions, *and* princess among the provinces, *how* is she become tributary!
2 She weepeth sore in the night, and her tears *are* on her cheeks:
among all her lovers she hath none to comfort *her*: all her friends
have dealt treacherously with her, they are become her enemies.

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3 Judah is gone into captivity because of affliction, and because of
 great servitude : she dwelleth among the nations, she findeth no rest :
 4 all her persecutors overtook her between the straits. The ways of
 Zion do mourn, because none come to the solemn feasts : all her
 gates are desolate : her priests sigh, her virgins are afflicted, and she
 5 is in bitterness. Her adversaries are the chief, her enemies prosper ;
 for the Eternal hath afflicted her for the multitude of her transgres-
 sions : her children are gone into captivity before the adversary,
 6 And from the daughter of Zion all her beauty is departed : her
 princes are become like harts *that* find no pasture, and they are gone
 7 without strength before the pursuer. Jerusalem remembered in the
 days of her affliction and of her persecutions all her pleasant
 things that she had in the days of old, when her people fell into the
 hand of the adversary, and none did help her : the adversaries saw
 8 her, *and* did mock at her calamities. Jerusalem hath grievously
 sinned ; therefore she is removed : all that honoured her vilify her,
 because they have seen her nakedness : yea, she herself sigheth, and
 9 turneth backward. Her filthiness *is* in her skirts ; she bore not in
 mind her future ; therefore she came down wonderfully : she had no
 comforter. O Eternal, behold my affliction : for the enemy hath
 10 magnified *himself*. The adversary hath spread out his hand upon
 all her pleasant things : for she hath seen *that* nations entered into
 her sanctuary, of whom thou didst command *that* they should not
 11 enter into thy congregation. All her people sigh, they seek bread ;
 they have given their pleasant things for food to relieve the soul :
 12 see, O Eternal, and consider ; for I am become vile. May it not
 come upon you, all ye that pass *this* way ! behold, and see if there
 be any pain like unto my pain, which is inflicted upon me, where-
 with the Eternal hath grieved *me* in the day of the kindling of his
 13 wrath. From above he hath sent fire into my bones, and it prevail-
 eth against them : he hath spread a net for my feet, he hath turned
 14 me back : he hath made me desolate *and* faint all the day. The
 yoke of my transgressions is bound by his hand : they are wreathed,
and come up upon my neck : he hath made my strength to stumble,
 the Eternal hath delivered me into *their* hands, *from whom* I am not
 15 able to rise up. The Eternal hath trodden under foot all my mighty
men in the midst of me : he hath proclaimed a festival concerning
 me to crush my young men : the Eternal hath trodden the virgin, the
 16 daughter of Judah, *as* in a winepress. For these *things* I weep ;
 mine eye, mine eye runneth down with water, because the comforter
 that should relieve my soul is far from me : my children are desolate,
 17 because the enemy prevailed. Zion spreadeth forth her hands, *and*
there is none to comfort her : the Eternal hath commanded concern-
 ing Jacob, *that* his adversaries *should be* round about him : Jerusalem
 18 is as a menstruous woman among them. The Eternal, he is right-
 eous ; for I have rebelled against his commandment : hear, I pray
 you, all peoples, and behold my pain : my virgins and my young men

LAMENTATIONS I., II.

- 19 are gone into captivity. I called for my lovers, *but* they deceived me: my priests and mine elders expired in the city, while
- 20 they sought food for themselves to relieve their souls. Behold, O Eternal; for I *am* in distress: my bowels burn; my heart is turned within me; for I have grievously rebelled: abroad the sword
- 21 bereaveth, as death at home. They have heard that I sigh: *there is* none to comfort me: all mine enemies have heard of my trouble; they are glad that thou hast done *it*: thou wilt bring the day *that*
- 22 thou hast called, and they shall be like unto me. Let all their wickedness come before thee; and do unto them, as thou hast done unto me for all my transgressions: for my sighs *are* many, and my heart *is* faint.
- 1 CHAP. II.—How hath the Eternal covered the daughter of Zion with a cloud in his anger, *and* cast down from heaven unto the earth the splendour of Israel, and remembered not his footstool in the day
- 2 of his anger! The Lord hath swallowed up all the habitations of Jacob, and hath not pitied: he hath thrown down in his wrath the strongholds of the daughter of Judah; he hath brought *them* down to the ground: he hath polluted the kingdom and the princes thereof.
- 3 He hath cut off in *his* fierce anger all the horn of Israel: he hath drawn back his right hand from before the enemy, and he burned
- 4 against Jacob like a flaming fire, *which* devoureth round about. He hath bent his bow like an enemy: he stood with his right hand as an adversary, and slew all *that were* pleasant to the eye in the tent
- 5 of the daughter of Zion: he poured out his fury like fire. The Eternal was as an enemy: he hath swallowed up Israel, he hath swallowed up all her palaces: he hath destroyed his strongholds, and hath increased in the daughter of Judah wailing and lamentation.
- 6 And he hath violently taken away its fence, as *if it were of* a garden: he hath destroyed his places of appointment: the Eternal hath caused the solemn feasts¹ and sabbaths to be forgotten in Zion, and hath
- 7 scorned in the indignation of his anger king and priest. The Eternal hath cast off his altar, he hath abhorred his sanctuary, he hath delivered over into the hand of the enemy the walls of her palaces; they have made a noise in the house of the Eternal, as in the day of solemn feast.¹
- 8 The Eternal hath purposed to destroy the rampart of the daughter of Zion: he hath stretched out a line, he hath not withdrawn his hand from destroying: therefore he made trench and rampart to lament; they languished together. Her gates are sunk into the ground; he hath destroyed and broken her bars: her king and her princes *are* among the nations, without law; her prophets also find
- 10 no vision from the Eternal. The elders of the daughter of Zion sit upon the ground, *and* keep silence: they have cast up dust upon their heads; they have girded themselves with sackcloth: the virgins
- 11 of Jerusalem hang down their heads to the ground. Mine eyes do fail with tears, my bowels burn, my liver is poured upon the earth, for the destruction of the daughter of my people; because infants
- 12 and sucklings swoon in the streets of the city. They say to their mothers, *Where is* corn and wine? when they swooned as the wounded

¹ appointments.

LAMENTATIONS II., III.

13 in the streets of the city, when their soul was poured out into their
 14 mothers' bosom. What thing shall I take to witness for thee? what
 15 thing shall I liken to thee, O daughter of Jerusalem? what shall I
 16 equal to thee, that I may comfort thee, O virgin daughter of Zion?
 17 for thy breach *is* great like the sea: who can heal thee? Thy proph-
 18 ets have seen vain and foolish things for thee: and they have not
 19 uncovered thine iniquity, to turn away thy captivity; but have seen
 20 for thee false prophecies¹ and deceptions. All that pass by clap *their*
 21 hands at thee; they hiss and shake their head at the daughter of
 22 Jerusalem, *saying*, Is this the city that *men* call The perfection of
 23 beauty, The joy of the whole earth? All thine enemies have opened
 24 wide their mouth against thee: they hiss and gnash the teeth: they
 25 say, We have swallowed *her* up: certainly this *is* the day that we
 26 looked for; we have found, we have seen *it*. The Eternal hath done
 27 *that* which he had devised; he hath fulfilled his word that he had
 28 commanded in the days of old: he hath thrown down, and hath not
 29 pitied: and he hath caused *thine* enemy to rejoice over thee, he hath
 30 lifted up the horn of thine adversaries. Their heart cried unto the
 31 Eternal, O rampart of the daughter of Zion, let tears run down like a
 32 river day and night: give thyself no rest; let not the apple² of thine
 33 eye cease. Arise, cry out in the night: in the beginning of the
 34 watches pour out thy heart like water before the face of the Eternal:
 35 lift up thy hands towards him for the life of thine infants, that faint
 36 for hunger in the top of every street. Behold, O Eternal, and con-
 37 sider to whom thou hast done this. Shall women eat their fruit, *and*
 38 children of tender nursing? shall priest and prophet be slain in the
 39 sanctuary of the Eternal? The young and the old lie on the ground
 40 in the streets: my virgins and my young men are fallen by the
 41 sword; thou hast slain *them* in the day of thine anger; thou hast
 42 killed, *and* not pitied. Thou hast called as in a solemn day³ my
 43 terrors round about, so that in the day of the anger of the Eternal
 44 none escaped nor remained: those that I have tenderly nursed and
 45 brought up hath mine enemy consumed.

1 CHAP. III.—*I am* the man *that* hath seen affliction by the rod of his
 2 wrath. He hath led me, and brought *me* into darkness, but not into
 3 light. Only against me he turneth his hand over and over again
 4 all the day. My flesh and my skin hath he wasted; he hath broken my
 5 bones. He hath builded against me, and compassed *me* with poison
 6 and hardship. He hath set me in dark places, as *they that are* dead
 7 for ever. He hath hedged me about, that I cannot get out: he hath
 8 made my fetters heavy. Also when I cry and call for help, he shut-
 9 teth out my prayer. He hath inclosed my ways with hewn stone, he
 10 hath made my paths crooked. He *was* unto me *as* a bear lying in
 11 wait, *and as* a lion in secret places. He hath turned aside my ways,
 12 and pulled me in pieces: he hath made me desolate. He hath bent
 13 his bow, and set me as a mark for the arrow. He hath caused the
 14 arrows of his quiver to enter into my reins. I was a derision to all

¹ burdens.

² daughter.

³ appointed day.

LAMENTATIONS III.

15 my people ; *and* their song all the day. He hath filled me with bit-
 16 terness, he hath satiated me with wormwood. He hath also broken
 17 my teeth with gravel stones, he hath covered me with ashes. And
 18 thou hast loathingly removed my soul from peace : I forgot pros-
 19 perity. And I said, My strength and my hope is perished from the
 20 Eternal. To remember mine affliction and my misery, is wormwood
 21 and poison. My soul full of recollections is bowed low in me.
 22 This I reply to my heart, therefore have I hope, That the mercies
 23 of the Eternal have not ceased, that his compassion is not
 24 spent. *They are* new every morning : great *is* thy faithfulness.
 25 The Eternal is my portion, saith my soul ; therefore will I hope in
 26 him. The Eternal *is* good unto them that wait for him, to the soul
 27 *that* seeketh him. He *is* good ; therefore, *men*, both hope and quietly
 28 wait for the salvation of the Eternal. He is good to the man when
 29 he beareth the yoke in his youth, Sitteth alone and keepeth silence,
 30 because he hath laid *it* upon him, Putteth his mouth in the dust ;
 31 peradventure there may be hope ; Giveth *his* cheek to him that
 32 smiteth him, is filled full with reproach ; Surely the Eternal will not
 33 loathingly cast off for ever. But though he cause grief, yet will he
 34 have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies. For
 35 he doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men. To
 36 crush under his feet all the prisoners of the earth ; To turn aside the
 37 right of man before the face of the most High ; To subvert a man
 38 in his cause, the Eternal approveth not. Who *is* he *that* saith, and
 39 it cometh to pass, *when* the Eternal commandeth *it* not ? As
 40 though out of the mouth of the most High evil and good did not
 41 proceed. Wherefore does a person whilst in life murmur, a man at
 42 his sins ? Let us search and examine our ways, and turn again to
 43 the Eternal. Let us lift up our heart with *our* hands unto God in
 44 the heavens. We have transgressed and have rebelled : thou hast
 45 not pardoned. Thou hast wrapped *thyself* in anger, and persecuted
 46 us : thou hast slain, thou hast not pitied. Thou hast covered *thy-*
 47 *self* with the cloud, that *our* prayer should not pass through. Thou
 48 hast made us *as* the offscouring and refuse in the midst of the peoples.
 49 All our enemies have opened wide their mouths against us. Fear
 50 and a snare is come upon us, desolation and destruction. Mine eye
 51 runneth down like rivulets of water for the destruction of the
 52 daughter of my people. Mine eye trickleth down, and ceaseth not,
 53 without any intermission, Till the Eternal look down, and behold
 54 from heaven. Mine eye affecteth my heart because of all the
 55 daughters of my city. Mine enemies chased me sore, like the bird,
 56 without cause. They have cut off my life in the pit, and cast a
 57 stone upon me. Waters flowed over my head ; *then* I said, I am
 58 cut off. I called upon thy name, O Eternal, out of the pit of the
 59 nether world. Thou hast heard my voice : hide not thine ear at my
 60 breathing, at my cry for help. Thou drewest near in the day *that*
 61 I called upon thee : thou saidst, Fear not. O Eternal, thou hast

LAMENTATIONS III., IV.

59 pleaded the causes of my soul; thou hast redeemed my life. O
 60 Eternal, thou hast seen my wrong: judge thou my cause. Thou
 hast seen all their vengeance *and* all their imaginations against me.
 61 Thou hast heard their reproach, O Eternal, *and* all their imagina-
 62 tions against me; The lips of those that rose up against me, and
 63 their device against me all the day. Behold their sitting down, and
 64 their rising up; I *am* their music. Render unto them a recom-
 65 pense, O Eternal, according to the work of their hands. Give them
 66 what their heart harbours, thy curse upon them. Persecute and
 destroy them in anger from under the heavens of the Eternal.

1 CHAP. IV.—How is the gold become dim! *how* is the most fine gold
 changed! the stones of the sanctuary are poured out in the top of
 2 every street. The precious sons of Zion, comparable to fine gold,
 how are they esteemed as earthen pitchers, the work of the hands of
 3 the potter! Even monsters draw out the breast, they give suck to
 their young ones: the daughter of my people *is become* cruel, like
 4 the ostriches in the desert. The tongue of the suckling cleaveth to
 his palate for thirst: the young children ask bread, *and* no man
 5 breaketh *it* unto them. They that did feed on delicacies are desolate
 in the streets; they that were brought up in scarlet embrace dunghills.
 6 For the iniquity of the daughter of my people is greater than the sin of
 Sodom, that was overthrown as in a moment, and no hands stayed
 7 on her. Her Nazarites were purer than snow, they were whiter
 than milk, they were more ruddy in substance than coral, their form
 8 *was* that of sapphire: *Now* their visage is blacker than black; they
 are not known in the streets: their skin cleaveth to their bones; it
 9 is withered, it is become like a stick. *They that are* slain with the
 sword are better than *they that are* slain with hunger: for these
 pine away, stricken through for *want of* the produce of the field.
 10 The hands of pitiful women have sodden their own children: they
 were their meat in the destruction of the daughter of my people.
 11 The Eternal hath accomplished his fury; he hath poured out his
 fierce anger, and hath kindled a fire in Zion, and it hath devoured
 12 the foundations thereof. The kings of the earth, and all the inha-
 bitants of the world, did not believe that an adversary and an enemy
 13 would have entered into the gates of Jerusalem. For the sins of
 her prophets, *and* the iniquities of her priests, that have shed the
 14 blood of the just in the midst of her, They have wandered *as blind*
men in the streets, they have polluted themselves with blood, so that
 15 men could not touch their garments. They cried unto them, Depart
 ye; *it is* unclean; depart, depart, touch not: when they fled away and
 wandered, they said among the nations, They shall no more sojourn
 16 there. The anger of the Eternal hath divided them; he will no
 more regard them: they respected not the persons of the priests,
 17 they favoured not the elders. Whilst we yet had existence, our
 eyes failed for our vain help: in our watching we have watched for
 18 a nation *that* could not save *us*. They hunt our steps, that we
 cannot go in our streets: our end is near, our days are fulfilled; for

LAMENTATIONS IV., V.

19 our end is come. Our persecutors are swifter than the eagles of the
 20 heaven : they pursued us upon the mountains, they laid wait for us
 in the desert. The breath of our nostrils, the anointed of the
 Eternal, was taken in their pits, of whom wo said, Under his
 21 shadow we shall live among the nations. Rejoice and be glad, O
 daughter of Edom, that dwellest in the land of Us ; the cup also
 shall pass unto thee : thou shalt be drunken, and shalt make thyself
 22 naked. Thine iniquity is expiated, O daughter of Zion ; he will no
 more carry thee away into captivity : he will visit thine iniquity, O
 daughter of Edom ; he will discover thy sins.

1 CHAP. v.—Remember O Eternal, what is come upon us: consider and
 2 behold our disgrace. Our inheritance is turned to strangers, our
 3 houses to aliens. We are orphans, fatherless, our mothers *are* as
 4 widows. We have drunken our water for money ; our wood is sold
 5 unto us. Upon our necks are our persecutors : we labour, *and* have
 6 no rest. We have given the hand *to* Egypt, *and to* Assyria, to be
 7 satisfied with bread. Our fathers have sinned, *and are* not ; and we
 8 have borne their iniquities. Servants have ruled over us : *there* is none
 9 that doth deliver *us* out of their hand. We got our bread with *the peril*
 10 *of* our lives because of the sword of the desert. Our skin was hot
 11 like an oven because of the furious famine. They ravished women in
 12 Zion, and maids in the cities of Judah. Princes are hanged up by
 13 their hand : the faces of elders were not honoured. Young men
 14 carried *the* mill, and boys stumbled under the wood. Elders have
 15 ceased from the gate, young men from their song. The joy of our
 16 heart is ceased ; our dance is turned into mourning. The crown is
 17 fallen *from* our head : woe unto us, that we have sinned ! For this
 18 our heart is sick ; for these *things* our eyes are dim. Because of the
 19 mountain of Zion, which is desolate, jackals walk upon it. Thou,
 O Eternal, remainest for ever, thy throne from generation to genera-
 20 tion. Wherefore dost thou forget us for ever ; *and* forsake us so long
 21 time ? Turn thou us unto thee, O Eternal, and we will return ;
 22 renew our days as of old. For shouldst thou have utterly rejected
 us ; be very wroth against us ?

ECCLESIASTES.

1 CHAP. I.—Words of the Preacher, son of David, king of Jerusalem.
2 Vanity of vanities, said the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all *is*
3 vanity. What profit hath a man of all his labour which he laboureth
4 under the sun? *One* generation passeth away, and *another* genera-
5 tion cometh: but the earth abideth for ever. The sun also ariseth,
and the sun goeth down, and panteth after his place where he ariseth
6 again. Going towards the south, and turning about unto the north,
the wind whirleth about continually, and the wind returneth again
7 to its circuits. All the rivers¹ run into the sea; yet the sea *is* not
full; unto the place from whence the rivers¹ come, thither they
8 return again; All words fall short²; man cannot express *it*: the
9 eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing. What
hath been the same will be; and what is done the same will be done;
10 and there is nothing new under the sun. *If* there is a thing whereof
it is said, See, this is new—it hath been already of old time, which
11 was before us. *Only* there *is* no remembrance of former *things*;
neither will there be *any* remembrance of *things* that are to come
12 with *those* that shall come after. I the Preacher was king over
13 Israel in Jerusalem. And I gave my heart to seek and search out
by wisdom concerning all *things* that are done under heaven: this
sore travail hath God given to the sons of man to be vexed therewith.
14 I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold,
15 all *is* vanity and feeding on wind; Perversion, it cannot succeed;
16 defectiveness, it cannot be numbered. I communed with mine own
heart, saying, Lo, I have gotten greater, and more wisdom than all
they that have been before me in Jerusalem: yea, my heart hath
17 seen much wisdom and knowledge. And I gave my heart to know
wisdom, and to know madness and folly: I perceived that this also

¹ brooks.

² are tired.

ECCLESIASTES I., II.

18 is feeding on wind. For in much wisdom *is* much grief: and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth pain.

1 CHAP. II.—I said in my heart, Go to now, I will prove thee with mirth, therefore enjoy pleasure: and, behold, this also *is* vanity.
 2 3 I said of laughter, *It is* mad: and of mirth, What doeth it? I sought in my heart to give myself unto wine,¹ yet conducting my heart with wisdom; and to lay hold on folly, till I might see what *was* that good for the sons of men, which they should do under the
 4 heaven all the days of their life. I made me great works; I built
 5 me houses; I planted me vineyards: I made me gardens and parks,
 6 and I planted trees in them of all *kind of* fruits: I made me pools
 7 of water, to water therewith the wood that bringeth forth trees: I got *me* servants and maidens, and had *servants* born in my house; also I had great possessions of herds and flocks above all that were
 8 in Jerusalem before me: I gathered me also silver and gold, and select treasure of kings and of the provinces: I got me men singers and women singers, and the delights of the sons of men, a wife and
 9 concubines. So I was great, and increased more than all that were
 10 before me in Jerusalem: also my wisdom remained with me. And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them, I withheld not my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced in all my labour: and
 11 this was my portion of all my labour. Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all *was* vanity and feeding on wind,
 12 and *there was* no profit under the sun. And I turned myself to behold wisdom, and madness, and folly: for what *can* the man *do* that cometh after the king? *even* that which hath been already done.
 13 Then I saw that wisdom excelleth folly, even as light excelleth dark-
 14 ness. The wise man's eyes *are* in his head; but the fool walketh in darkness: and I myself nevertheless perceived that one fate be-
 15 falleth them all. Then said I in my heart, According to the fate of the fool, so will it also befall me; and why was I then more wise?
 16 Then I said in my heart, that this also *is* vanity. For *there* is no remembrance of the wise more than of the fool for ever; seeing that which once was, in the days to come shall all be forgotten. And how
 17 dieth the wise *man*? as the fool. Therefore I hated life; because the work that is wrought under the sun *is* grievous unto me: for all
 18 *is* vanity and feeding on wind. Yea, I hated all my labour which I had taken² under the sun: because I should leave it unto the man

draw my flesh with the wine.

² laboured.

ECCLESIASTES II., III.

19 that shall be after me. And who knoweth whether he shall be a wise *man* or a fool? yet shall he have rule over all my labour wherein I have laboured, and wherein I have shewed myself wise under the
 20 sun. This *is* also vanity. Therefore I went about to cause my heart
 21 to despair of all the labour which I took under the sun. For there is a man whose labour *is* in wisdom, and in knowledge, and in equity; yet to a man that hath not laboured therein shall he leave it *for* his
 22 portion. This also *is* vanity and a great evil. For what hath man of all his labour, and of the striving of his heart, wherein he hath
 23 laboured under the sun? For all his days *are* pains, and his travail grief; yea, his heart taketh not rest in the night. This is also vanity,
 24 *There is* nothing better for a man, *than* that he should eat and drink, and *that* he should make his soul enjoy good in his labour. This
 25 also I saw, that it *was* from the hand of God. For who can eat, or
 26 who else can hasten *hereunto*, more than I? For *God* giveth to a man that *is* good in his sight, wisdom, and knowledge, and joy: but to the sinner he giveth travail, to gather and to heap up, that he may give to *him that is* good before God. This is also vanity and feeding on wind.

1 CHAP. III.—To every *thing there is* a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

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| 2 A time to be born, | and a time to die; |
| a time to plant, | and a time to pluck up <i>that which</i> |
| | <i>is</i> planted; |
| 3 A time to kill, | and a time to heal; |
| a time to break down, | and a time to build up; |
| 4 A time to weep, | and a time to laugh; |
| a time to mourn, | and a time to dance; |
| 5 A time to cast away stones, | and a time to gather stones together; |
| a time to embrace, | and a time to refrain from embracing; |
| 6 A time to seek, | and a time to lose; |
| a time to keep, | and a time to cast away; |
| 7 A time to rend, | and a time to sew; |
| a time to keep silence, | and a time to speak; |
| 8 A time to love, | and a time to hate; |
| a time of war, | and a time of peace. |
| 9 10 What profit hath a worker in that wherein he laboureth? I have seen the travail, which God hath given to the sons of men | |

11 to be exercised in it. He hath made every *thing* beautiful in its
 time: also he hath set eternity in their heart, yet no man can
 find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the
 12 end. I know that *there is* no good in them, but for *a man* to
 13 rejoice, and to do good in his life. And also that every man
 should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labour, *it is* the
 14 gift of God. I know that whatsoever God doeth, it shall be
 for ever; nothing can be put to it, nor anything taken from
 15 it: and God doeth *it*, that *men* should fear before him. That
 which was hath been since long; and that which is to be hath already
 16 been; and God requireth that which is past. And moreover I saw
 under the sun the place of judgment, *that iniquity was* there; and
 17 the place of righteousness, *that iniquity was* there. I said in my
 heart, God shall judge the righteous and the wicked: for *there is* a
 18 time there for every purpose and for every work. I said in my heart
 concerning the nature of the sons of men, that God had singled them
 19 out only to see that they themselves are *the same as* beasts. For that
 which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing be-
 falleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have
 all one breath; and the preeminence of man above a beast is nought;
 20 for all *is* vanity. All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all
 21 turn to dust again. Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth up-
 ward, and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward to the earth?
 22 Wherefore I perceive that *there is* nothing better, than that a man
 should rejoice in his own works; for that *is* his portion; for who
 shall bring him to see what shall be after him?

1 CHAP. IV.—So I returned, and considered all the oppressions that
 are done under the sun: and behold the tears of *such as were* op-
 pressed, and they had no comforter; the force from the hand of their
 2 oppressors; but they had no comforter. Wherefore I praised the
 dead who are already dead more than the living who are yet alive.
 3 Yea, better *is* he than both they, who hath not yet been, who hath
 4 not seen the evil work that is done under the sun. Again, I saw all
 travail, and every aptitude for work, that this is the jealousy of a man
 5 of his fellow. This *is* also vanity, and feeding on wind. The fool
 6 foldeth his hands together, and eateth his own flesh. Better *is* a
 handful *with* quietness, than both the hands full *with* travail and

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7 feeding on wind. Then I returned, and I saw vanity under the sun.
 8 There is one *alone*, and hath no second; yea, he hath neither child
 nor brother: yet *is there* no end of all his labour; neither is his eye
 satisfied with riches; neither *saith he*, For whom do I labour, and
 bereave my soul of good? This *is* also vanity, yea, it *is* a sore tra-
 9 vail. Two *are* better than one; because they have a good reward
 10 for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but
 woe to him *that is* alone when he falleth; for *he hath* not another to
 11 help him up. Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but
 12 how can one get warm *alone*? And if one prevail against him, two
 shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.
 13 Better *is* a poor and a wise child than an old and foolish king, who
 14 will no more be enlightened. For out of prison he may come forth
 15 to reign; even if born poor in his kingdom. I saw all the living who
 walk under the sun, with the second child that shall stand up in his
 16 stead. *There is* no end of all the people, *even* of all that have been
 before it: they also that come after shall not rejoice in it. Surely this
 17 also *is* vanity and feeding on wind. Keep thy foot when thou goest to
 the house of God, for he is more nigh to hear than when fools bring
 sacrifices, for they do not wish to consider in order to do evil.

1 CHAP. V.—Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thy heart be
 hasty to utter *any* thing before God: for God *is* in heaven, and
 2 thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few. For the dream
 cometh with much ado; and a fool's voice with a multitude of words.
 3 When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it: although
he hath no pleasure in the fools, *yet* pay that which thou hast
 4 vowed. Better *is it* that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou
 5 shouldest vow and not pay. Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh
 to sin; neither say thou before the messenger, that it *was* an error:
 wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work
 6 of thy hands? For as in the multitude of dreams so in many words
 7 *there are* vanities; but fear thou God. If thou seest the oppression
 of the poor, and violent perverting of judgment and justice in the
 province, marvel not at the matter: yet a high one above a high one
 8 watcheth, and the highest over them. And the advantage of a
 9 country is that he is everywhere; land that hath a king is tilled. He
 that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that
 10 loveth abundance, not increase: this *is* also vanity. When goods
 increase, they are increased that eat them: and what profit *is there*
 to the owners thereof, saving the beholding *of them* with their eyes?

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11 The sleep of a labouring man *is* sweet, whether he eat little or much :
 12 but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep. There
 is a sore evil *which* I have seen under the sun, *namely*, riches kept
 13 for the owners thereof to their hurt. But those riches perish by
 evil travail : and he begetteth a son, and *there is* nothing in his hand.
 14 As he came forth of his mother's womb, naked shall he return, to go
 as he came, and shall take nothing of his labour, which he may carry
 15 away in his hand. And this also *is* a sore evil, *that* in all points as
 he came, so shall he go : and what profit hath he that hath laboured
 16 for the wind ? All his days also he eateth in darkness, and *he hath*
 17 much grief, and his sickness is wrath. Behold *that* which I have
 seen : *it is* good and comely *for one* to eat and to drink, and to
 enjoy the good of all his labour that he taketh under the sun all the
 18 days of his life, which God giveth him : for it *is* his portion. Every
 man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given
 him power to eat thereof, and to take his portion, and to rejoice in
 19 his labour ; this *is* the gift of God. Let him remember the days of
 his life that they are not many, that God troubleth *man* in the re-
 joicing of his heart.

1 CHAP. VI.—There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it
 2 *is* common among men : A man to whom God hath given riches,
 wealth, and honour, so that he wanteth nothing for his soul of all
 that he desireth, yet God giveth him not power to eat thereof, but
 3 an alien eateth it : this *is* vanity, and it *is* an evil disease. If he
 beget a hundred *children*, and live many years, and however numerous
 the days of his years his soul should not be filled with good, and not
 even have a burial ; I say, *that* an untimely birth *is* better than he.
 4 For it came in vain, and departeth in darkness, and its name shall
 5 be covered with darkness. Moreover it hath not seen the sun, nor
 6 known *any thing* : yet this hath more rest than the other. Yea,
 though he live a thousand years twice *told*, yet hath he seen no
 7 good : do not all go to one place ? All the labour of man *is* for his
 8 mouth, and yet the appetite is not filled. For what hath the wise
 more than the fool ? what hath the poor, that knoweth to walk,
 9 before the living ? Better *is* the sight of the eyes than the wander-
 10 ing of the desire : this *is* also vanity and feeding on wind. That
 which hath been is named already, and it is known that it *is* man :
 11 neither may he contend with him that is mightier than he. Seeing

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- there are many things that increase vanity, what *is* man the better ?
- 12 For who knoweth what *is* good for man in *this* life, all the days of his vain life which he spendeth as a shadow ? for who can tell a man what shall be after him under the sun ?
- 1 CHAP. VII.—A *good* name *is* better than precious ointment ; and the
 2 day of death than the day of one's birth. *It is* better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting : for that *is*
 3 the end of all men ; and the living will lay *it* to his heart. *Such* sorrow *is* better than laughter : for whilst the countenance is sad the
 4 heart may feel cheered. The heart of the wise *is* in the house of
 5 mourning ; but the heart of fools *is* in the house of mirth. *It is* better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the
 6 song of fools. For as the cracking of thorns under the pot, so *is*
 7 the laughter of the fool : this also *is* vanity. Surely oppression
 8 maketh a wise man mad ; and a gift destroyeth the heart. Better *is* the end of a thing than the beginning thereof : *and* the patient in
 9 spirit *is* better than the proud in spirit. Be not hasty in thy spirit
 10 to be angry : for anger resteth in the bosom of fools. Say not thou, What is *the cause* that the former days were better than these ? for
 11 thou dost not enquire wisely concerning this. Wisdom *is* good with an inheritance : and *by it there is* profit to them that see the sun.
 12 For *they are* in the shadow of wisdom *and* the shadow of money ; yet the knowledge of wisdom hath the preference : it preserveth its
 13 possessors. Consider the work of God : for who can make *that* straight, which he hath formed crooked ? In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider : God also hath set the one over against the other, to the end that man should find
 15 nothing after it. All *things* have I seen in the days of my vanity : there is a just *man* that perisheth in his righteousness, and there is a
 16 wicked *man* that longeth *his life* in his wickedness. Be not righteous over much ; neither make thyself over wise : why shouldest
 17 thou be confounded ? Be not over much wicked, neither be thou
 18 foolish : why shouldest thou die before thy time ? *It is* good that thou shouldest take hold of this ; yea, also from this withdraw not thy hand : for he that feareth God shall come forth of them all.
 19 Wisdom strengtheneth the wise more than ten mighty *men* who are
 20 in the city. For *there is* not a just man upon earth, that doeth
 21 good, and sinneth not. Also take no heed unto all words that are
 22 spoken ; lest thou hear thy servant execrate thee : For oftentimes also thine own heart knoweth that thou thyself likewise hast exe-
 23 crated others. All this have I tried by wisdom : I said, I will be
 24 wise ; but it *was* far from me. That which is far off, and exceeding

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25 deep, who can find it out? I applied my heart to know, and to search, and to seek out wisdom, and contrivance, but *only* to learn¹ *that*
 26 wickedness is folly, and folly madness. I also find more bitter than death the woman, whose heart *is* snares and nets, *and* her hands *as* bands: whoso pleaseth God shall escape from her; but the sinner
 27 shall be taken by her. Behold, this have I found, saith the preacher,
 28 one by one, to find out the account. What yet my soul seeketh, but I find not: one man among a thousand have I found; but a woman
 29 among all those have I not found. Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many contrivances.

1 CHAP. VIII.—Who *is* as the wise *man*? and who knoweth the interpretation of a thing? a man's wisdom maketh his face to shine, and
 2 the boldness of his face shall be changed. I *counsel thee* to keep the king's commandment, also concerning any utterance of an oath to
 3 God. Be not hasty to go out of his sight: stand not in an evil thing;
 4 for he doeth whatsoever pleaseth him. Where the word of a king *is*, *there is* power: and who may say unto him, What doest thou?
 5 Whoso keepeth the commandment shall feel no evil thing: and a
 6 wise man's heart discerneth both time and judgment. For although to every purpose there is time and judgment, the misery of man may
 7 be great upon him. For he knoweth not that which shall be: for
 8 who can tell him when it shall be? *There is* no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither *hath he* power in the day of death: and *there is* no discharge in *that* war; neither shall
 9 wickedness deliver those that are given to it. All this have I seen, and applied my heart unto every work that is done under the sun: at a time wherein one man ruleth over another to his own hurt. And
 10 forsooth I have seen wicked men buried and gone, whilst *others* went forth from a holy place, yet were they forgotten in the city wherein
 11 they acted uprightly: this is also vanity. Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of
 12 men is fully set in them to do evil. Though a sinner do evil a hundred times, and his *days* be prolonged, yet surely I know that it shall be
 13 well with them that fear God, because they feared him: But it shall not be well with the wicked, neither shall he prolong *his* days, *which*
 14 *are* as a shadow; because he feareth not before God. There is a vanity which is done upon the earth; that there are just *men*, unto whom it happeneth according to the work of the wicked; again, there are wicked *men*, to whom it happeneth according to the work of the

¹ to know.

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15 righteous : I said that this also *is* vanity. Then I commended mirth, because a man hath no better thing under the sun, than to eat, and to drink, and to be merry : for that shall accompany him in his labour the days of his life, which God giveth him under the sun.

16 When I applied my heart to know wisdom, and to see the business that is done upon the earth : (for also *there is that* neither day nor

17 night seeth sleep with his eyes :) Then I beheld all the work of God, that a man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun : because though a man labour to seek *it* out, yet he shall not find *it* ; yea, farther ; though a wise *man* think to know *it*, yet shall he not be able to find *it*.

1 CHAP. IX.—For all this I considered in my heart even to explain all this, that the righteous, and the wise, and their works, *are* in the hand of God : no man knoweth either love or hatred ; this is *marked*

2 *out* for them. All *things* come alike to all : *there is* one event to the righteous, and to the wicked ; to the good, and to the clean, and to the unclean ; to him that sacrificeth, and to him that sacrificeth not : as *is* the good, so *is* the sinner ; and he that sweareth, as *he* that

3 feareth an oath. This *is* an evil among all *things* that are done under the sun, that *there is* one event unto all : yea, also the heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness *is* in their heart while they

4 live, and after that *they go* to the dead. For to him that is joined to all the living there is hope : for a living dog is better than the

5 dead lion. For the living know that they shall die : but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward ; for

6 the memory of them is forgotten. Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished ; neither have they any more

7 a portion for ever in any *thing* that is done under the sun. Go thy way, eat thy bread with joy, and drink thy wine with a merry heart ;

8 for God hath long ago accepted thy works. Let thy garments be

9 always white ; and let thy head lack no ointment. Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun, all the days of thy vanity : for that *is* thy portion in *this* life, and in thy labour which thou

10 takest under the sun. Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do *it* with thy might ; for *there is* no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor

11 wisdom in the grave, whither thou goest. I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race *is* not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill ; but time and chance hap-

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12 peneth to them all. For man also knoweth not his fate : as the fishes
that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the
snare ; so *are* the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falleth
13 suddenly upon them. This wisdom have I seen also under the sun,
14 and it *seemed* great unto me : *There was* a little city, and few men
within it ; and there came a great king against it, and encompassed
15 it, and built great bulwarks against it : Now there was found in it
a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city ; yet no
16 man remembered that same poor man. Then said I, Wisdom *is* despised,
17 and his words are not heard. The words of wise *men are* heard
18 in quiet more than the cry of him that ruleth among fools. Wisdom
is better than weapons of war : but one sinner destroyeth much good.

1 CHAP. X.—Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send
forth a stinking savour : *so may* a little folly him that is valued for
2 wisdom *and* honour. A wise man's heart *is* at his right hand ; but
3 a fool's heart at his left. Yea also, when he that is a fool walketh
by the way, his wisdom faileth *him*, and he saith to every one *that*
4 he *is* a fool. If the spirit of the ruler rise up against thee, leave not
5 thy place ; for yielding pacifieth great offences. There is an evil
which I have seen under the sun, as an error *which* proceedeth from
6 the ruler : Folly is set in many high places, and the rich sit in the low
7 place. I have seen servants upon horses, and princes walking as
8 servants upon the earth. He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it ;
9 and whoso breaketh a fence, a serpent shall bite him. Whoso re-
moveth stones shall be hurt therewith ; *and* he that cleaveth wood
10 shall be endangered thereby. If the iron be blunt, and he do not
whet the edge, then must he put to more strength : but wisdom
11 *teacheth* the advantage of adapting. If the serpent will bite because
there is no enchantment ; then there is no profit in a conjuror.
12 The words of a wise man's mouth *are* gracious ; but the lips of a
13 fool will swallow up himself. The beginning of the words of his
mouth *is* foolishness : and the end of his talk *is* mischievous mad-
14 ness. A fool also is full of words : a man cannot know what shall
15 be ; and what shall be after him, who can tell him ? The labour of
the fool wearieth him, because he knoweth not how to go to the city.
16 Woe to thee, O land, when thy king *is* a child, and thy princes eat
17 in the morning ! Blessed *art* thou, O land, when thy king *is* the
son of nobles, and thy princes eat in due season, for strength, and
18 not for drunkenness ! By much slothfulness the timber decayeth ;
and through idleness of the hands the house droppeth through.

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19 A feast is made for laughter, and wine rejoiceth life : but money
20 answereth all *things*. Execrate not the king, no not in thy thought ;
and execrate not the rich in thy bedchambers : for a bird of the
air shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the
matter.

1 CHAP. XI.—Cast thy bread upon the waters : for thou shalt find it
2 after many days. Give a portion to seven, and also to eight ; for
3 thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth. If the clouds
be full of rain, they empty *themselves* upon the earth : and if the
tree fall towards the south, or towards the north, in the place where
4 the tree falleth, there it shall be. He that observeth the wind shall
5 not sow ; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap. As thou
knowest not what *is* the way of the spirit, *nor* how the bones *do grow*
in the womb of her that is with child : even so thou knowest not the
6 works of God who maketh all. In the morning sow thy seed, and
in the evening let thy hand not rest : for thou knowest not what
shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both *shall be* alike
7 good. Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the
8 eyes to behold the sun : But if a man live many years, *and* rejoice in
them all ; still let him remember the days of darkness ; for they shall
9 be many. All that cometh is vanity. Rejoice, O young man, in thy
youth, and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and
walk in the ways of thy heart : but know thou, that for all these
10 *things* God will bring thee into judgment. Therefore remove grief
from thy heart, and put away evil from thy flesh : for childhood and
youth are vanity.

1 CHAP. XII.—Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth,
while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou
2 shalt say, I have no pleasure in them ; While the sun, the light,
the moon, and the stars, are not darkened, and the clouds return
3 after the rain : On the day when the keepers of the house shall
totter, and the men of valour wind themselves, and the grinders cease
because they diminish, and they that look through the apertures are
4 darkened ; And the double doors shall be shut in the markets
when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the
voice of the bird, and all the daughters of song shall be brought
5 low ; And also when they shall be afraid of that which is high, and
fear shall be in the way, and he shall reject the almond, and the
locust shall lie heavy, and the stimulant shall fail : because man
goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets ;
6 While the silver cord is not loosed, and the golden bowl broken, the
pitcher broken at the fountain, the wheel broken at the cistern,

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- 7 Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit
8 shall return unto God who gave it. Vanity of vanities, saith the
9 preacher; all is vanity. And the more the preacher exulted in
wisdom, he continued to teach the people knowledge, gave good
10 heed, and sought out *and* set in order many proverbs. And the
preacher sought to find out desirable matters, also just records—
11 words of truth. The words of the wise *are* as goads, and as nails fastened
by the masters of assemblies, *which* are given by one shepherd.
12 And further, by these, my son, be thou enlightened: of making many
books there is no end: and much study is a weariness of the flesh.
13 The conclusion of the oration sums up the whole: Fear God, and
14 keep his commandments: for this is the whole *duty of man*. For
God shall bring every work into judgment concerning every secret
thing, whether it *be* good, or whether it *be* evil.
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THE BOOK OF ESTHER.

- 1 CHAP. I.—Now it came to pass in the days of Ahasuerus, the same
Ahasuerus who reigned, from Hodu even unto Cush, *over* a hun-
2 dred and seven and twenty provinces: *That* in those days, when
the king Ahasuerus sat on the throne of his kingdom, which *was* in
3 Shushan the castle. In the third year of his reign, he made a feast
unto all his officers and his servants; the force of Persia and Media,

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4 the chiefs and officers of the provinces, *being* before him: When he shewed the riches *and* glory of his kingdom and the worth of the splendour of his greatness many days, *even* a hundred and four-score
5 days. And when these days were expired, the king made a feast unto all the people that were present in Shushan the castle, both unto great and small, seven days, in the enclosure of the garden
6 of the king's palace; *Where were* white, green, and blue purple *hangings*, fastened with cords of fine linen and red purple to silver cylinders and pillars of marble: the beds *were of* gold and silver, upon
7 a pavement of bahat, and marble, and sochereth. And they gave *them* drink in vessels of gold, the vessels being diverse one from another, and royal wine in abundance, according to the state
8 of the king. And the drinking according to the law *was that* none should compel: for so the king had appointed to all the officers of his house, that they should do according to every man's pleasure.
9 Also Vashti the queen made a feast for the women *in* the royal
10 house which belonged to king Ahasuerus. On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, and Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, the seven eunuchs that served in the presence of Aha-
11 suerus the king, To bring Vashti the queen before the king with the crown royal, to shew the people and the princes her beauty: for
12 she *was* fair to look on. But the queen Vashti refused to come at the king's commandment by *his* eunuchs: therefore was the
13 king very wroth, and his anger burned in him. Then the king said to the wise men, who knew the times, for so *was* the king's man-
14 ner towards all that knew law and judgment: And the next unto him *was* Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, *and* Memucan, the seven princes of Persia and Media, who saw
15 the king's face, *and* who sat the first in the kingdom; What shall be done unto the queen Vashti according to law, because she hath not performed the commandment of the king Ahasuerus by the
16 eunuchs? And Memucan answered before the king and the princes, Vashti the queen hath not done wrong to the king only, but also to all the princes, and to all the peoples that *are* in all the pro-
17 vinces of the king Ahasuerus. For *this* deed of the queen shall come abroad unto all women, so that they shall despise their husbands in their eyes, when it shall be reported, The king Ahasuerus commanded Vashti the queen to be brought in before him, but she came
18 not. *Likewise* shall the ladies of Persia and Media say this day unto all the king's princes, who have heard of the deed of the queen.

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19 Thus there shall arise contempt and wrath enough. If it please the king, let there go a royal commandment from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes, which no one must transgress, That Vashti come no more before king Ahasuerus; and let the king give her royal estate unto another that is better than
 20 she. And when the king's decree which he shall make shall be published throughout all his empire, great as it is, all the wives shall
 21 give to their husbands honour, both to great and small. And the saying pleased the king and the princes; and the king did according
 22 to the word of Memucan: For he sent letters into all the king's provinces, into every province according to the writing thereof, and to every people after its language, that every man should bear rule in his own house, and speaking according to the language of his people.

1 CHAP. II.—After these things, when the wrath of king Ahasuerus subsided, he remembered Vashti, and what she had done, and what
 2 was decreed against her. Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him, Let there be fair virgins sought for the king:
 3 And let the king appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdom, that they may gather together all the fair young virgins unto Shushan the castle, to the house of the women, unto the custody of Hege the king's eunuch, keeper of the women: and let their ointments
 4 be given *them*: And let the maiden who pleaseth the king be queen instead of Vashti. And the thing pleased the king; and he did so.
 5 Now in Shushan the castle there was a certain Jew, whose name *was* Mordecai, the son of Jair, the son of Shimei, the son of Kish, a
 6 Benjamite: Who had been carried away from Jerusalem with the captivity which had been carried away with Jeconiah king of Judah,
 7 whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away. And he brought up Hadassah, that *is*, Esther, his uncle's daughter: for she had neither father nor mother, and the maid *was* fair and beautiful; whom Mordecai, when her father and mother were dead, took
 8 for his own daughter. So it came to pass, when the king's commandment and his decree was heard, and when many maidens were gathered together unto Shusan the castle, to the custody of Hegai, that Esther was brought also unto the king's house, to the custody
 9 of Hegai, keeper of the women. And the maiden pleased him, and she obtained kindness of him: and he speedily gave her her ointments and her portions, and the seven maidens, *who were* meet to be given her, out of the king's house: and he preferred her and
 10 her maids unto the best *place* of the house of the women. Esther had not declared her people nor her kindred: for Mordecai had

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11 charged her that she should not declare *it*. And Mordecai walked
 every day before the court of the women's house, to inquire after the
 12 welfare of Esther, and what should become of her. Now when
 every maid's turn was come to go in to king Ahasuerus, after that
 she had been twelve months, according to the regulation for the
 women, for so were the days of their purifications accomplished, *to*
wit, six months with oil of myrrh, and six months with the spices,
 13 and with *other* ointments for the women: Then thus came
every maiden unto the king; whatsoever she desired was given her
 to go with her out of the house of the women unto the king's house.
 14 In the evening she went, and on the morrow she returned into the
 second house of the women, to the custody of Shaashgaz, the king's
 eunuch, who kept the concubines: she came in unto the king no
 more, except the king delighted in her, and that she were called by
 15 name. Now when the turn of Esther, the daughter of Abihail the
 uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her for his daughter, was come to
 go in unto the king, she required nothing but what Hegai the king's
 eunuch, the keeper of the women, appointed. And Esther obtained
 16 favour in the sight of all them that looked upon her. So Esther
 was taken unto king Ahasuerus into his house royal in the tenth
 month, which *is* the month Tebeth, in the seventh year of his
 17 reign. And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she
 obtained grace and favour in his sight more than all the virgins; so
 that he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen
 18 instead of Vashti. Then the king made a great feast unto all his
 princes and his servants, *even* Esther's feast; and he made a release
 to the provinces, and gave gifts, according to the state of the king.
 19 And when virgins were gathered together the second time, and
 20 Mordecai sat in the king's gate.—Esther had not *yet* declared her
 kindred or her people; as Mordecai had charged her: for Esther
 did the commandment of Mordecai, like as when she was brought
 21 up with him.—In those days, while Mordecai sat in the king's
 gate, two of the king's eunuchs, Bigthan and Teresh, of those who
 kept the door, were wroth, and sought to lay hand on the king
 22 Ahasuerus. And the thing was known to Mordecai, who told *it*
 unto Esther the queen; and Esther told the king *thereof* in Mor-
 23 decai's name. And when inquisition was made of the matter, it was
 found out; therefore they were both hanged on a tree: and it was
 written in the book of the chronicles before the king.

1 CHAP. III.—After these things did king Ahasuerus promote Haman
 the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and raised him, and set his

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seat above all the princes that *were* with him. And all the king's servants, that *were* in the king's gate, bowed, and prostrated themselves before Haman: for the king had so commanded concerning
3 him. But Mordecai bowed not, nor prostrated himself. Then the king's servants, who *were* in the king's gate, said unto Mordecai,
4 Why transgressest thou the king's commandment? Now it came to pass, when they spake daily unto him, and he hearkened not unto them, that they told Haman, to see whether Mordecai's matters
5 would stand: for he had told them that he *was* a Jew. And when Haman saw that Mordecai bowed not, nor prostrated himself
6 before him, then was Haman full of wrath. And he disdained to lay hands on Mordecai alone; for they had named to him the people of Mordecai: wherefore Haman sought to exterminate all the Jews that *were* throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus, *even* the
7 people of Mordecai. In the first month, that *is* the month Nisan, in the twelfth year of king Ahasuerus, they cast Pur, that *is*, the lot, before Haman from day to day, and from month to month, *to*
8 the twelfth *month*, that *is*, the month Adar. And Haman said unto king Ahasuerus, There is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of thy kingdom; and their laws *are* diverse from all people; neither keep they the king's
9 laws: therefore it *is* not for the king's profit to suffer them. If it please the king, let it be written that they may be destroyed: and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver to the hands of those that have the charge of the business, to bring *it* into the king's treasuries.
10 And the king took his ring from his hand, and gave it unto Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the Jews' adversary, And the king said unto Haman, The silver *is* given to thee, the people
11 also, to do with them as it seemeth good to thee. Then were the king's scribes called on the thirteenth day of the first month, and there was written according to all that Haman had commanded unto the king's satrapes, and to the pashaws that *were* over every province, and to the princes of every people of every province according to the writing thereof, and *to* every people after their language; in the name of king Ahasuerus was it written, and sealed with the king's
12 ring. And the letters were sent by the runners into the king's provinces, to exterminate, to kill, and to cause to perish, all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, *even* upon the thirteenth *day* of the twelfth month, which *is* the month of Adar,
13 and *to take* the spoil of them for a prey. The copy of the writing for a commandment to be given in every province was published unto all the people, that they should be ready against that day.

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15 The runners went out, being urged by the king's commandment, and the decree was given in Shushan the castle. And the king and Haman sat down to drink ; but the city Shushan was perplexed.

1 CHAP. IV.—When Mordecai perceived all that was done, Mordecai rent his clothes, and put on sackcloth with ashes, and went out into
 2 the midst of the city, and cried with a loud and bitter cry ; And came even before the king's gate : for none *might* enter into the
 3 king's gate in a garment of sackcloth. And in every province, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, *there was* great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping, and
 4 wailing ; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes. So Esther's maids and her eunuchs came and told *it* her. Then was the queen exceedingly distressed ; and she sent raiment to clothe Mordecai, and to
 5 take away his sackcloth from him : but he received *it* not. Then called Esther for Hatach, *one* of the king's eunuchs, whom he had appointed to attend upon her, and gave him a commandment for
 6 Mordecai, to know what it *was*, and why it *was*. So Hatach went forth to Mordecai unto the street of the city, which *was* before the
 7 king's gate. And Mordecai told him of all that had happened unto him, and of the sum of money that Haman had promised to pay¹
 8 to the king's treasuries for the Jews, to destroy them. Also he gave him the copy of the writing of the decree that was given at Shushan to destroy them, to shew *it* unto Esther, and to declare *it* unto her, and to charge her that she should go in unto the king, to make supplication unto him, and to make request before him for her people.
 9 10 And Hatach came and told Esther the words of Mordecai. Again Esther spake unto Hatach, and gave him a commandment for Mor-
 11 decai ; All the king's servants, and the people of the king's provinces, do know, that whosoever, whether man or woman, shall come unto the king into the inner court, who is not called, *there is* one law of his to put *him* to death, except such to whom the king shall hold out the golden sceptre, that he may live : but I have not been

¹ weigh.

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12 called to come in unto the king these thirty days. And they told
 13 to Mordecai Esther's words. Then Mordecai said, to answer
 Esther, Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's
 14 house, more than all the Jews. For if thou altogether holdest thy
 peace at this time, *then* shall there enlargement and deliverance arise
 to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house
 shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the
 15 kingdom for *such* a time as this? Then Esther bade *them* return
 16 Mordecai *this answer*, Go, gather together all the Jews that are in
 Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days,
 night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will
 I go in unto the king, which *is* not according to the law: and if I
 17 perish, I perish. So Mordecai went his way, and did according to
 all that Esther had commanded him.

1 CHAP. v.—Now it came to pass on the third day, that Esther put
 on *her* royal *apparel*, and stood in the inner court of the king's house:
 and the king sat upon his royal throne in the royal house, over against
 2 the entrance into the house. And it was so, when the king saw Esther
 the queen standing in the court, *that* she obtained favour in his sight:
 and the king held out to Esther the golden sceptre that *was* in his
 hand. So Esther drew near, and touched the top of the sceptre.
 3 Then said the king unto her, What wilt thou, queen Esther? and
 what *is* thy request? it shall be even given thee to the half of the
 4 kingdom. And Esther answered, If *it seem* good unto the king, let
 the king and Haman come this day unto the feast that I have pre-
 5 pared for him. Then the king said, Cause Haman to make haste,
 that he may do as Esther hath said. So the king and Haman came
 6 to the feast thas Esther had prepared. And the king said unto
 Esther at the feast of wine, What *is* thy petition? and it shall be
 granted thee: and what *is* thy request? even to the half of the king-
 7 dom it shall be performed. Then answered Esther, and said, My
 8 petition and my request *is*; If I have found favour in the sight of
 the king, and if it please the king to grant my petition, and to per-
 form my request, let the king and Haman come to the feast that I
 shall prepare for them, and I will do to morrow as the king hath said.
 9 Then went Haman forth that day joyful and with a glad heart: but
 when Haman saw Mordecai in the king's gate, that he stood not up,
 10 nor moved for him, he was full of wrath against Mordecai. Never-
 theless Haman refrained himself: and when he came home he sent
 11 and called for his friends, and Zeresh his wife. And Haman told
 them of the glory of his riches, and the multitude of his children,
 and all *the things* wherein the king had promoted him, and how he

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12 had raised him above the princes and servants of the king. Haman said moreover, Yea, Esther the queen did let no man come in with the king unto the feast that she had prepared but myself; and to
13 morrow am I invited unto her also with the king. Yet all this availeth me nothing, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at
14 the king's gate. Then said Zeresh his wife and all his friends unto him, Let a gallows be made of fifty cubits high, and to morrow speak thou unto the king that Mordecai may be hanged thereon: then go thou in merrily with the king unto the feast. And the thing pleased Haman; and he caused the gallows to be made.

1 CHAP. VI.—On that night sleep fled from the king, and he commanded to bring the book of records of the chronicles; and they
2 were read before the king. And it was found written, that Mordecai had told of Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's eunuchs, the keepers of the door, who sought to lay hand on the king Ahasuerus.
3 And the king said, What honour and dignity hath been done to Mordecai for this? Then said the king's servants that ministered
4 unto him, There hath nothing been done for him. And the king said, Who *is* in the court? Now Haman was come into the outward court of the king's house, to speak unto the king to hang Mordecai
5 on the gallows that he had prepared for him. And the king's servants said unto him, Behold, Haman standeth in the court. And
6 the king said, Let him come in. So Haman came in. And the king said unto him, What shall be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour? Now Haman thought in his heart, To whom would the king delight to do honour more than to myself?
7 And Haman answered the king, For the man whom the king delighteth to honour, Let the royal apparel be brought which the king wore, and the horse that the king rode upon, when the crown
8 royal was set upon his head: And let this garment and horse be delivered to the hand of one of the king's most noble princes, that they may array the man *withal* whom the king delighteth to honour, and bring him on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaim before him thus, Thus shall it be done to the man whom the
9 king delighteth to honour. Then the king said to Haman, Make haste, and take the apparel and the horse, as thou hast said, and do even so to Mordecai the Jew, that sitteth at the king's gate: let nothing
10 fail of all that thou hast spoken. Then took Haman the apparel and the horse, and arrayed Mordecai, and brought him on horse-
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back through the street of the city, and proclaimed before him, Thus shall it be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour.
 12 And Mordecai came again to the king's gate. But Haman hastened to
 13 his house mourning, and having his head covered. And Haman told Zeresh his wife and all his friends every *thing* that had befallen him. Then said his wise men and Zeresh his wife unto him, If Mordecai
 14 be of the seed of the Jews, before whom thou hast begun to fall, thou shalt not prevail against him, but shalt surely fall before him. And while they *were* yet talking with him, came the king's eunuchs, and hastened to bring Haman unto the feast that Esther had prepared.

1 CHAP. VII.—So the king and Haman came to feast with Esther the
 2 queen. And the king said again unto Esther on the second day at the feast of wine, What *is* thy petition, queen Esther? and it shall be granted thee: and what *is* thy request? and it shall be performed,
 3 *even* to the half of the kingdom. Then Esther the queen answered and said, If I have found favour in thy sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at
 4 my request: For we are sold, I and my people, to be exterminated, to be slain, and to perish. But if we had been sold for bondmen and bondwomen, I should have been silent, although the adversary
 5 could not countervail the king's damage. Then the king Ahasuerus answered and said unto Esther the queen, Who is he, and where is
 6 he, that durst presume in his heart to do so? And Esther said, The adversary and enemy *is* this wicked Haman. Then Haman was
 7 afraid before the king and the queen. And the king arising from the feast of wine in his wrath *went* into the palace garden: and Haman stood up to make request for his life to Esther the queen; for he saw
 8 that there was evil determined against him by the king. Then the king returned out of the palace garden into the place of the feast of wine; and Haman was fallen upon the bed whereon Esther *was*. Then said the king, Will he force the queen also before me in the house? As the word went out of the king's mouth, they covered
 9 Haman's face. And Harbonah, one of the eunuchs, said before the king, Behold also, the gallows fifty cubits high, which Haman had made for Mordecai, who had spoken good for the king, standeth in
 10 the house of Haman. Then the king said, Hang him thereon. So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the king's wrath subsided.

1 CHAP. VIII.—On that day did the king Ahasuerus give the house of Haman the Jews' adversary unto Esther the queen. And Mordecai

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- came before the king ; for Esther had told what he *was* unto her.
- 2 And the king took off his ring, which he had taken from Haman, and gave it unto Mordecai. And Esther set Mordecai over the house
- 3 of Haman. And Esther spake yet again before the king, and fell down at his feet, and wept and implored him to put away the mischief of Haman the Agagite, and his device that he had devised
- 4 against the Jews. Then the king held out the golden sceptre towards Esther. So Esther arose, and stood before the king, And
- 5 said, if it please the king, and if I have found favour in his sight, and the thing *seem* right before the king, and I *be* pleasing in his eyes, let it be written to recall the letters devised by Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, which he wrote to destroy the Jews who
- 6 are in all the king's provinces: For how can I endure to see the evil that shall come unto my people? or how can I endure to see the
- 7 destruction of my kindred? Then the king Ahasuerus said unto Esther the queen and to Mordecai the Jew, Behold, I have given Esther the house of Haman, and him they have hanged upon the gallows,
- 8 because he laid his hands upon the Jews. Write ye also for the Jews, as it liketh you, in the king's name, and seal *it* with the king's ring: for the writing which is written in the king's name, and sealed
- 9 with the king's ring, may no man recall. Then were the king's scribes called at that time in the third month, that *is*, the month Sivan, on the three and twentieth *day* thereof; and it was written according to all that Mordecai commanded unto the Jews, and to the satrapes, and the pashaws and princes of the provinces who *are* from Hodu unto Cush, a hundred twenty and seven provinces, unto every province according to the writing thereof, and unto every people after their language, and to the Jews according to their writing, and according
- 10 to their language. And he wrote in the king Ahasuerus' name, and sealed *it* with the king's ring, and sent letters by the runners on the horses, *and* riders on the racers, mules, *and* young mares:
- 11 Wherein the king granted the Jews who *were* in every city to gather themselves together, and to stand for their life, to exterminate, to slay, and to cause to perish, all the force of the people and province that would distress them, *both* little ones and women, and *to take* the spoil

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12 of them for a prey. Upon one day in all the provinces of king Ahasuerus, *namely*, upon the thirteenth *day* of the twelfth month, which
 13 is the month Adar. The copy of the writing for a commandment to be given in every province *was* published unto all peoples, and that the Jews should be ready against that day to avenge themselves on
 14 their enemies. So the runners that rode upon the racers *and* mules went out, being hastened and pressed on by the king's commandment.
 15 And the decree was given at Shushan the castle. And Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in royal apparel of blue purple, and white, and with a great crown of gold, and with a robe of fine linen and red purple: and the city of Shushan shouted and was glad.
 16 17 The Jews had light, and gladness, and joy, and honour. And in every province, and in every city, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, the Jews had joy and gladness, a feast and a good day. And many of the people of the land became Jews; for the fear of the Jews fell upon them.

1 CHAP. IX.—Now in the twelfth month, that *is*, the month Adar, on the thirteenth day of the same, when the king's commandment and his decree drew near to be put in execution, in the day that the enemies of the Jews hoped to have power over them—though it was turned to the contrary, that the Jews had rule over them that hated them—
 2 The Jews gathered themselves together in their cities throughout all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, to lay hand on such as sought their hurt: and no man could withstand them; for the fear of them
 3 fell upon all people. And all the princes of the provinces, and the satrapes, and the pashaws, and administrators of the king, raised
 4 the Jews; because the fear of Mordecai fell upon them. For Mordecai *was* great in the king's house, and his fame went out throughout the provinces: for this man Mordecai waxed greater and greater.
 5 Thus the Jews smote all their enemies with the stroke of the sword, and slaughter, and destruction, and did what they would unto those
 6 that hated them. And in Shushan the castle the Jews slew and destroyed five hundred men. And Parshandatha, and Dalphon, and As-
 7 8 patha, And Poratha, and Adalia, and Aridatha, And Parmashta,

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10 and Arisai, and Aridai, and Vajezatha, The ten sons of Haman the son
 of Hammedatha, the adversary of the Jews, slew they ; but on the spoil
 11 laid they not their hand. On that day the number of those that
 12 were slain in Shushan the castle was brought before the king. And
 the king said unto Esther the queen, The Jews have slain and de-
 stroyed five hundred men in Shushan the castle, and the ten sons of
 Haman ; what have they done in the rest of the king's provinces ?
 now what *is* thy petition ? and it shall be granted thee : or what *is*
 13 thy request further ? and it shall be done. Then said Esther, If it
 please the king, let it be granted to the Jews who *are* in Shushan to
 do to-morrow also according unto this day's decree, and let Haman's
 14 ten sons be hanged upon the gallows. And the king commanded
 it so to be done ; and the decree was given at Shushan ; and they
 15 hanged Haman's ten sons. For the Jews that *were* in Shushan
 gathered themselves together on the fourteenth day also of the month
 Adar, and slew three hundred men at Shushan ; but on the prey they
 16 laid not their hand. But the other Jews that were in the king's pro-
 vinces gathered themselves together, and stood for their lives, and
 had rest from their enemies, and slew of their haters seventy and five
 17 thousand, but they laid not their hands on the prey. On the thir-
 teenth day of the month Adar ; and on the fourteenth day of the same
 18 rested they, and made it a day of feasting and gladness. But the
 Jews that *were* at Shushan assembled together on the thirteenth *day*
 thereof, and on the fourteenth thereof ; and on the fifteenth *day* of
 the same they rested, and made it a day of feasting and gladness.
 19 Therefore the Jews of the villages, that dwelt in the unwall'd towns,
 made the fourteenth day of the month Adar *a day of* gladness and
 feasting, and a good day, and of sending portions one to another.
 20 And Mordecai wrote these things, and sent letters unto all the Jews
 that *were* in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, *both* nigh and
 21 far, To establish *this* among them, that they should keep the four-
 teenth day of the month Adar, and the fifteenth day of the same
 22 every year. As the days wherein the Jews rested from their enemies,
 and the month which was turned unto them from sorrow to joy, and
 from mourning into a good day : that they should make them days of
 feasting and joy, and of sending portions one to another, and gifts to
 23 the poor. And the Jews undertook to do as they had begun, and as

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24 Mordecai had written unto them ; Because Haman the son of Ham-
 medatha, the Agagite, the adversary of all the Jews, had devised
 25 against the Jews to destroy them, and had cast Pur, that *is*, the lot,
 to confound them, and to destroy them ; But when *Esther* came
 before the king, he commanded by letters that his wicked device,
 which he devised against the Jews, should return upon his own head,
 26 and that he and his sons should be hanged on the gallows. Where-
 fore they called these days Purim after the name of Pur. Therefore
 for all the words of this letter, and *of that* which they had seen con-
 27 cerning this matter, and which had come unto them, The Jews
 established, and took upon them, and upon their seed, and upon all
 such as joined themselves unto them, so that none should transgress
 it, that they would keep these two days according to their writing,
 28 and according to their *appointed* time every year ; And *that* these
 days *should be* remembered and kept throughout every generation,
 every family, every province, and every city ; and *that* these days of
 Purim should not fail from among the Jews, nor the memorial of
 29 them perish from their seed. Then Esther the queen, the daughter
 of Abihail, and Mordecai the Jew wrote with all authority, to confirm
 30 this second letter of Purim. And he sent the letters unto all the
 Jews, to the hundred twenty and seven provinces of the kingdom of
 31 Ahasuerus, *with* words of peace and truth, To confirm these days
 of Purim in their times *appointed*, according as Mordecai the Jew
 and Esther the queen had established for them, and as they had
 established for themselves and for their seed, the matters of the
 32 fastings and their cry. And the decree of Esther established these
 matters of Purim ; and it was written in the book.

1 CHAP. X.—And the king Ahasuerus laid a tribute upon the land, and
 2 *upon* the isles of the sea. And all the acts of his power and of his
 might, and the declaration of the greatness of Mordecai, whereunto
 the king advanced him, *are* they not written in the book of the
 3 chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia ? For Mordecai the
 Jew *was* next unto king Ahasuerus, and great among the Jews,
 and accepted of the multitude of his brethren, seeking the welfare of
 his people, and speaking peace to all his seed.

THE BOOK OF DANIEL.

- 1 CHAP. 1.—In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of
Judah, came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and
2 besieged it. And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his
hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried
into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the
3 vessels into the treasure house of his god. And the king spake unto
Ashphenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring *certain*
of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the nobles;
4 Children in whom *was* no blemish, but well favoured, and skilful in
all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science,
and such as *had* ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and
whom they might teach the books and the tongue of the Chaldeans.
5 And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat,
and of the wine which he drank, and to bring them up three years,
6 that at the end thereof they might stand before the king. Now
among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah,
7 Mishaël, and Azariah: Unto whom the chief of the eunuchs gave
names: for he gave unto Daniel *the name* of Belteshazzar; and to
Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishaël, of Meshach; and to Azariah,
8 of Abed-nego. But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile
himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he
drank: therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he
9 might not defile himself. Now God had brought Daniel into favour
10 and grace with the chief of the eunuchs. And the chief of the
eunuchs said unto Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who hath ap-
pointed your meat and your drink: for wherefore should he see your
faces sadder than the children who *are* of your sort? then shall ye
11 make *me* forfeit my head to the king. Then said Daniel to the
overseer, whom the chief of the eunuchs had set over Daniel,
12 Hananiah, Mishaël, and Azariah, Prove now thy servants ten days;
13 and let them give us pulse to eat, and water to drink. Then let our
countenances be looked upon before thee, and the countenance of the
children that eat of the portion of the king's meat: and as thou seest,

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14 deal with thy servants. So he consented to them in this matter, and
15 proved them ten days. And at the end of ten days their counten-
ances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children who
16 did eat the portion of the king's meat. Thus the overseer took away
the portion of their meat, and the wine that they should drink ; and
17 gave them pulse. As for these children, to all four of them God gave
knowledge and skill in every book and in wisdom : and Daniel had
18 understanding in all visions and dreams. Now at the end of the days
that the king had said he should bring them in, then the chief of
19 the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. And the king
talked with them ; and among them all was found none like Daniel,
Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah : therefore stood they before the
20 king. And in all matters of wisdom *and* understanding, that the king
enquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the
engravers of hieroglyphics *and* magicians that *were* in all his
21 kingdom. And Daniel continued *even* unto the first year of king
Cyrus.

1 CHAP. II.—And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar,
Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was struck, and
2 his sleep was gone from him. Then the king commanded to call the
engravers of hieroglyphics, and the magicians, and the enchanters,
and the Casdim, to tell the king his dreams. So they came, and
3 stood before the king. And the king said unto them, I have
4 dreamed a dream, and my spirit was struck to know the dream. Then
spake the Casdim to the king in Syriac, O king, live for ever : tell
5 thy servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation. The
king answered and said to the Casdim, The thing is gone from me :
if ye will not make known unto me the dream, with the interpretation
thereof, ye shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made a
6 dunghill. But if ye shew the dream, and the interpretation thereof,
ye shall receive of me gifts and rewards and great honour : therefore
7 shew me the dream, and the interpretation thereof. They answered
again and said, Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will
8 shew the interpretation of it. The king answered and said, I know
of certainty that ye would gain time, because ye see the thing is gone
9 from me. But if ye will not make known unto me the dream, *there*
is but one decree for you : for ye have prepared lying and corrupt
words to speak before me, till the time be changed : therefore tell me
the dream, and I shall know that ye can declare me the interpretation

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10 thereof. The Casdim answered before the king, and said, There is not a man upon the earth that can declare the king's matter: therefore *there is* no great and powerful king *that* asked such things at
11 any engraver of hieroglyphics, enchanter, or Casdee. And *it is* a difficult thing that the king requireth, and there is none other that can tell it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not
12 with flesh. For this cause the king was angry and very furious, and
13 commanded to destroy all the wise *men* of Babylon. And the decree went forth that the wise *men* should be slain; and they sought
14 Daniel and his fellows to be slain. Then Daniel answered with counsel and wisdom to Arioch, the captain of the king's guard,
15 who was gone forth to slay the wise *men* of Babylon: He answered and said to Arioch, the king's captain, Why *is* the decree *so* strict
16 from the king? then Arioch made the thing known to Daniel. Then Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would give him time,
17 and that he would tell the king the interpretation. Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael,
18 and Azariah, his fellows: That they would implore mercies from the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise *men* of Babylon.
19 Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then
20 Daniel blessed the God of heaven. Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are
21 his: And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and
22 knowledge to them that know understanding: He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what *is* in the darkness, and the
23 light dwelleth with him. I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee; for thou hast *now* made
24 known unto us the king's matter. Therefore Daniel went in unto Arioch, whom the king had ordained to destroy the wise *men* of Babylon: he went and said thus unto him; Destroy not the wise *men* of Babylon: bring me in before the king, and I will tell the king the
25 interpretation. Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in

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haste, and said thus unto him, I have found a man of the captives of
26 Judah, that will make known unto the king the interpretation. The
king answered and said to Daniel, whose name *was* Belteshazzar, Art
thou able to make known unto me the dream which I have seen, and
27 the interpretation thereof? Daniel answered in the presence of the
king, and said, The secret which the king hath demanded cannot
the wise *men*, the enchanters, the engravers of *hieroglyphics*, the
28 soothsayers, tell unto the king; But there is a God in heaven that
revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar
what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy
29 head upon thy bed, are these; As for thee, O king, thy thoughts
came *into thy mind* upon thy bed, what should come to pass here-
after : and he that revealeth secrets maketh known to thee what shall
30 come to pass. But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for
any wisdom that I have more than any living, but for *their* sakes
that shall make known the interpretation to the king, and that thou
31 mightest know the thoughts of thy heart. Thou, O king, sawest,
and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness *was*
32 excellent, stood before thee ; and the form thereof *was* terrible. This
image's head *was* of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his
33 belly and his thighs of copper. His legs of iron, his feet part of iron
34 and part of clay. Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without
hands, which smote the image upon his feet *that were* of iron and
35 clay, and brake them to pieces. Then was the iron, the clay, the
copper, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and be-
came like the chaff of the summer threshing-floors; and the wind
carried them away, that no place was found for them : and the stone
that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole
36 earth. This *is* the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof
37 before the king. Thou, O king, *art* a king of kings : for the God of
heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory.
38 And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field
and the fowls of the heaven, hath he given into thy hand, and hath
39 made thee ruler over them all. Thou *art* this head of gold. And
after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another

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third kingdom of copper, which shall bear rule over all the earth.
 40 And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron
 breaketh in pieces and flatteneth all *things*: and as iron that breaketh
 41 all these shall it break in pieces and shatter. And whereas thou sawest
 the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom
 shall be divided: but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron,
 42 forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay, And *as* the
 toes of the feet *were* part of iron, and part of clay, *so* the kingdom
 43 shall be partly strong, and partly broken. And whereas thou sawest
 iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the
 seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron
 44 is not mixed with clay. And in the days of these kings shall the
 God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed:
 and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, *but* it shall break in
 pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.
 45 Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain
 without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the copper, the
 clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to
 the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream *is* cer-
 46 tain, and the interpretation thereof sure. Then the king Nebuchad-
 nezzar fell upon his face, and worshipped Daniel, and commanded
 47 that they should offer an oblation and sweet odours unto him. The
 king answered unto Daniel, and said, Of a truth *it is*, that your God
is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets,
 48 seeing thou couldest reveal this secret. Then the king advanced
 Daniel, and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the
 whole province of Babylon, and chief of the governors over all the
 49 wise *men* of Babylon. Then Daniel requested of the king, and he
 set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, over the affairs of the pro-
 vince of Babylon: but Daniel *sat* in the gate of the king.

- 1 CHAP. III.—Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose
 height *was* threescore cubits, *and* the breadth thereof six cubits: he
 2 set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon. Then
 Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather together the satraps,
 the governors, and the pashaws, the chief justices, the treasurers, the
 counsellors, the judges, and all the rulers of the provinces, to
 come to the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar the

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3 king had set up. Then the satraps, the governors, and pashaws,
the chief justices, the treasurers, the counsellors, the judges,
and all the rulers of the provinces, were gathered together unto
the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had
set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set
4 up. Then a herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, O peoples,
5 nations, and languages, *That* at what time ye hear the sound of the
cornet, pipe, harp, sackbut, psaltery, bagpipe, and all kinds of music,
ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the
6 king hath set up: And whoso falleth not down and worshippeth
shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.
7 Therefore at that time, when all the peoples heard the sound of the
cornet, pipe, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and all kinds of music, all the
peoples, the nations, and the languages, fell down *and* worshipped the
8 golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up. Wherefore
at that time certain Casdim came near, and slandered the Jews.
9 They spake and said to the king Nebuchadnezzar, O king, live for
10 ever. Thou, O king, hast made a decree, that every man that shall
hear the sound of the cornet, pipe, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and bag-
pipe, and all kinds of music, shall fall down and worship the golden
11 image: And whoso falleth not down and worshippeth, that he should
12 be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. There are certain
Jews whom thou hast set over the affairs of the province of Babylon,
Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego; these men, O king, have not
regarded thee: they serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden
13 image which thou hast set up. Then Nebuchadnezzar in *his* rage
and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego.
14 Then they brought these men before the king. Nebuchadnezzar
spake and said unto them, *Is it* design, O Shadrach, Meshach, and
Abed-nego? ye do not serve my gods, nor worship the golden image
15 which I have set up. Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear
the sound of the cornet, pipe, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and bagpipe,
and all kinds of music, ye fall down and worship the image which I

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have made ; *well* : but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace ; and who *is* that God
16 that shall deliver you out of my hands ? Shadrach, Meshach, and
Abed-nego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we
17 are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be *so*, our God
whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace,
18 and he will deliver *us* out of thy hand, O king. But if not, be it
known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor wor-
19 ship the golden image which thou hast set up. Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed
against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego : *therefore* he spake
and commanded that they should heat the furnace at once seven times
20 more than it was wont to be heated. And he commanded the most
mighty men that *were* in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and
21 Abed-nego, *and* to cast *them* into the burning fiery furnace. Then
these men were bound in their hosen, their tunics, and their head
coverings, and their *other* garments, and were cast into the midst of
22 the burning fiery furnace. Therefore because the king's command-
ment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flame of the
fire destroyed those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-
23 nego. And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego,
24 fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. Then
Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in terror, *and*
spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound
into the midst of the fire ? They answered and said unto the king,
25 True, O king. He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose,
walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt ; and the form
26 of the fourth is like a son of gods. Then Nebuchadnezzar the king
came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, *and* spake, and
said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, ye servants of the most
high God, come forth, and come *hither*. Then Shadrach, Meshach,
27 and Abed-nego, came forth of the midst of the fire. And the satraps,
governors, and pashaws, and the king's counsellors, being gathered
together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power,

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nor was a hair of their head singed, neither were their hosen changed,
 28 nor the smell of fire had passed on them. *Then* Nebuchadnezzar
 spake, and said, Blessed *be* the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and
 Abed-nego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that
 trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their
 29 bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their
 own God. Therefore, a decree proceeds from me, That every people,
 nation, and language, which speak anything amiss against the God
 of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, shall be cut in pieces, and
 their houses shall be made a dunghill: because there is no other
 30 God that can deliver like this. Then the king promoted Shadrach,
 31 Meshach, and Abed-nego, in the province of Babylon. Nebuchad-
 nezzar the king, unto all peoples, nations, and languages, that dwell
 32 in all the earth; peace be multiplied unto you. I thought it good to
 declare the signs and wonders that the high God hath wrought to-
 33 wards me. How great *are* his signs? and how mighty *are* his
 wonders! his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion
 is from generation to generation.

1 CHAP. IV.—I Nebuchadnezzar was at rest in my house, and flourish-
 2 ing in my palace: I saw a dream which made me afraid, and the con-
 ceptions upon my bed and the visions of my head troubled me.
 3 Therefore a decree proceeded from me, to bring in all the wise *men*
 of Babylon before me, that they might make known unto me the
 4 interpretation of the dream. Then came in the engravers of *hieroglyphics*,
 the enchanter, the Chaldean, and the soothsayers:
 and I told the dream before them; but they did not make
 5 known unto me the interpretation thereof. But at the last Daniel
 came in before me, whose name *is* Belteshazzar, according to the
 name of my God, and in whom *is* the spirit of the holy gods: and
 6 before him I told the dream, *saying*, O Belteshazzar, master of the
 engravers of *hieroglyphics*, because I know that the spirit of the holy
 gods *is* in thee, and no secret troubleth thee, tell me the visions of
 7 my dream that I have seen, and the interpretation thereof. Thus
 were the visions of my head in my bed; I saw, and behold a tree in
 8 the midst of the earth, and the height thereof *was* great. The tree
 grew, and was strong, and the height thereof reached unto heaven,
 9 and the sight thereof to the end of all the earth: The foliage thereof
was fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it *was* meat for all: the
 beasts of the field had shadow under it, and the fowls of the heaven

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10 dwelt in the boughs thereof, and all flesh was fed of it. I saw in the
 visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold, a watcher and a holy
 11 one came down from heaven; He cried *with* might, and said thus,
 Hew down the tree, and cut off its branches, shake off its foliage, and
 scatter its fruit: let the beasts get away from under it, and the fowls
 12 from its branches: Nevertheless leave the stump of its roots in the
 earth, even with a band of iron and copper, in the tender grass of the
 field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and *let* its portion *be*
 13 with the beasts in the grass of the earth: Let his heart be changed
 from man's, and let a beast's heart be given unto him; and let seven
 14 times pass over him. This matter *is* by the decree of the watchers,
 and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the
 living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men,
 and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest
 15 of men. This dream I king Nebuchadnezzar have seen. Now thou,
 O Belteshazzar, declare the interpretation thereof, forasmuch as all
 the wise *men* of my kingdom are not able to make known unto me
 the interpretation: but thou *art* able; for the spirit of the holy gods
 16 *is* in thee. Then Daniel, whose name *was* Belteshazzar, was asto-
 nished for one hour, and his thoughts troubled him. The king spake,
 and said, Belteshazzar, let not the dream, or the interpretation
 thereof, trouble thee. Belteshazzar answered and said, My lord, the
 dream *be* to them that hate thee, and the interpretation thereof to
 17 thine enemies. The tree that thou sawest, which grew, and was
 strong, whose height reached unto the heaven, and the sight thereof
 18 to all the earth; Whose foliage was fair, and the fruit thereof much,
 and in it *was* meat for all; under which the beasts of the field dwelt,
 and upon whose branches the fowls of the heaven had their habita-
 19 tion: It *is* thou, O king, that art grown and become strong: for
 thy greatness is grown, and reacheth unto heaven, and thy dominion
 20 to the end of the earth. And whereas the king saw a watcher and a
 holy one coming down from heaven, and saying, Hew the tree down,
 and destroy it; yet leave the stump of the roots thereof in the earth,
 even with a band of iron and copper, in the tender grass of the field;
 and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and *let* its portion *be* with
 21 the beasts of the field, till seven times pass over him; This *is* the
 interpretation, O king, and this *is* the decree of the most High,

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- 22 which is come upon my lord the king: That they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth
- 23 it to whomsoever he will. And whereas they commanded to leave the stump of the tree roots; thy kingdom shall be sure unto thee, after
- 24 that thou shalt have known that the heavens do rule. Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by shewing mercy to the poor; if
- 25 it be a lengthening of thy tranquillity. All this came upon the king
- 26 Nebuchadnezzar. At the end of twelve months he walked in the
- 27 palace of the kingdom of Babylon. The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom, by
- 28 the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty? While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, *saying*, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom
- 29 is departed from thee. And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling *shall be* with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth
- 30 it to whomsoever he will. The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar: and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles' *feathers*, and his nails like birds' *claws*.
- 31 And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom *is* from
- 32 generation to generation: And all the inhabitants of the earth *are* reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and *among* the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay
- 33 his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou? At the same time my reason returned unto me; and for the glory of my kingdom, mine

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honour and brightness returned unto me; and my counsellors and my lords sought unto me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added unto me. Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works *are* truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.

1 CHAP. V.—Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of
 2 his lords, and drank wine before the thousand. Belshazzar, whilst under the influence of the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple which *was* in Jerusalem; that the king, and his princes, his
 3 wives, and his concubines, might drink therein. Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which *was* at Jerusalem: and the king, and his princes, his
 4 wives, and his concubines, drank in them. They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of copper, of iron, of wood,
 5 and of stone. In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaister of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that
 6 wrote. Then the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his
 7 knees smote one against another. The king cried with might to bring in the enchanters, the Casdim, and the soothsayers. *And* the king spake, and said to the wise *men* of Babylon, Whosoever shall read this writing, and tell me the interpretation thereof, shall be clothed with red purple, and *have* an ornament of gold about his neck,
 8 and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom. Then came in all the king's wise *men*: but they could not read the writing, nor make
 9 known to the king the interpretation thereof. Then was the king Belshazzar greatly troubled, and his countenance was changed in him,
 10 and his lords were confounded. *Now* the queen, by reason of the words of the king and his lords, came into the banquet house: *and* the queen spake and said, O king, live for ever: let not thy thoughts
 11 trouble thee, nor let thy countenance be changed: There is a man in thy kingdom in whom *is* the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of thy father light, and understanding, and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him; whom the king Nebuchadnezzar thy father, the king, *I say*, thy father, made master of the engravers of *hieroglyphics*, enchanters, Casdim, and soothsayers.

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- 12 Forasmuch as an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, interpreting of dreams, and explaining of hard sentences, and untying of knots, were found in the same Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar: now let Daniel be called, and he will tell the interpretation.
- 13 Then was Daniel brought in before the king. *And* the king spake and said unto Daniel, *Art* thou that Daniel who *art* of the children of the captivity of Judah, whom the king my father brought out of
- 14 Jewry? I have even heard of thee, that the spirit of the gods *is* in thee, and *that* light and understanding and excellent wisdom is found
- 15 in thee. And now the wise *men*, the enchanters, have been brought in before me, that they should read this writing, and make known unto me the interpretation thereof: but they could not tell the interpretation of the thing: And I have heard of thee, that thou canst make interpretations, and untie knots: now if thou canst read the writing, and make known to me the interpretation thereof, thou shalt be clothed with red purple, and *have* an ornament of gold about thy
- 17 neck, and shalt be the third ruler in the kingdom. Then Daniel answered and said before the king, Let thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy rewards to another: yet I will read the writing unto the king,
- 18 and make known to him the interpretation. O thou king, the most high God gave Nebuchadnezzar thy father a kingdom, and majesty, and glory, and honour: And for the majesty that he gave him, all
- 19 peoples, nations, and languages, trembled and feared before him: whom he would he slew; and whom he would he kept alive; and
- 20 whom he would he set up; and whom he would he put down. But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him:
- 21 And he was driven from the sons of men; and his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling *was* with the wild asses: they fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven: till he knew that the most high God ruled in the kingdom of
- 22 men, and *that* he appointeth over it whomsoever he will. And thou, his son, O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thy heart, though thou
- 23 knewest all this; But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee,

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and thou, and thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them ; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of copper, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know : and the God in whose hand thy breath *is*, and whose *are* all thy
24 ways, hast thou not glorified : Then was the part of the hand sent
25 from him ; and this writing was written. And this *is* the writing
26 that was written : MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN. This
is the interpretation of the thing : MENE ; God hath numbered thy
27 kingdom, and finished it. TEKEL ; Thou wast weighed in the
28 balances, and wast found wanting. PERES ; Thy kingdom is di-
29 vided, and given to the Medes and Persians. Then commanded
Belshazzar, and they clothed Daniel with red scarlet, and *put* an
ornament of gold about his neck, and made a proclamation concern-
30 ing him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom. In that
night was Belshazzar the king of the Casdim slain.

1 CHAP. VI.—And Darius the Median took the kingdom, *being* three-
2 score and two years old, It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom
a hundred and twenty princes, who should be over the whole king-
3 dom : And over these three presidents ; of whom Daniel *was* first :
that the satraps might give accounts unto them, and the king should
4 have no damage. Then this Daniel was preferred above the presi-
dents and satraps, because an excellent spirit *was* in him ; and the
5 king thought to set him over the whole realm. Then the presidents
and satraps sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the
kingdom ; but they could find none occasion nor fault ; forasmuch
as he *was* faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him.
6 Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this
Daniel, except we find *it* against him concerning the law of his God.
7 Then the presidents and satraps urged upon the king, and said thus
8 unto him, King Darius, live for ever. All the presidents of the
kingdom, the governors, and the satraps, the counsellors, and the
pashaws, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to
make a firm decree, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any god or
man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the

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9 den of lions. Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing,
 that it be not changed, according to the law of the Medes and Per-
 10 sians, which altereth not. Wherefore king Darius signed the
 11 writing and the decree. Now when Daniel knew that the writing
 was signed, he went into his house ; and his windows being open in
 his chamber towards Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three
 times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did
 12 aforetime. Then these men pressed in, and found Daniel praying
 13 and making supplication before his God. Then they came near, and
 spake before the king concerning the king's decree ; Hast thou not
 signed a decree, that every man that shall ask a *petition* of any God
 or man within thirty days, save of thee, O king, shall be cast into the
 den of lions ? The king answered and said, The thing *is* true,
 according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not.
 14 Then answered they and said before the king, That Daniel, who is of
 the children of the captivity of Judah, regardeth not thee, O king,
 nor the decree that thou hast signed, but maketh his petition three
 15 times a day. Then the king, when he heard *these* words, was sore
 displeased with himself, and set *his* heart on Daniel to deliver him :
 16 and he laboured till the going down of the sun to deliver him. Then
 these men urged upon the king, and said unto the king, Know, O
 king, that the law of the Medes and Persians *is*, That no decree nor
 17 statute which the king establisheth may be changed. Then the king
 commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast *him* into the den
 of lions. *Now* the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God
 18 whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee. And a stone
 was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den ; and the king sealed
 it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords ; that the pur-
 19 pose might not be changed concerning Daniel. Then the king went
 to his palace, and passed the night fasting : neither were instruments
 20 of music brought before him : and his sleep went from him. Then
 the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the
 21 den of lions. And when he came to the den, he cried with a lament-
 able voice unto Daniel : *and* the king spake and said to Daniel, O
 Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest

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22 continually, able to deliver thee from the lions? Then said Daniel
23 unto the king, O king, live for ever. My God hath sent his angel,
and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me : foras-
much as before him innocency was found in me ; and also before
24 thee, O king, have I done no hurt. Then was the king exceeding
glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out
of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner
25 of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God. And
the king commanded, and they brought those men who had slandered
Daniel, and they cast *them* into the den of lions, *them*, their children,
and their wives ; and the lions had the mastery of them, and brake
all their bones to pieces or ever they came to the bottom of the den.
26 Then king Darius wrote unto all peoples, nations, and languages,
27 that dwell in all the earth ; Peace be multiplied unto you. I make
a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and
fear before the God of Daniel : for he *is* the living God, and stedfast
for ever, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed, and his
28 dominion *shall be even* unto the end. He delivereth and rescueth,
and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who hath
29 delivered Daniel from the power of the lions. So this Daniel prospered
in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

1 CHAP. VII.—In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babel, Daniel had
a dream and visions of his head upon his bed : then he wrote the
2 dream, *and* told the sum of the matters. Daniel spake and said, I
saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven
3 strove upon the great sea. And four great beasts came up from the
4 sea, diverse one from another. The first *was* like a lion, and had
eagle's wings : I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was
lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and
5 a man's heart was given to it. And, behold, another beast, a second,
like to a bear, and it was raised up on one side, and *it had* three ribs
in the mouth of it between the teeth of it : and they said thus unto
6 it, Arise, devour much flesh. After that I beheld, and lo another,
like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl ;
7 the beast had also four heads ; and dominion was given to it. After
this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful

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and terrible ; and strong exceedingly ; and it had great iron teeth : it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it : and it *was* diverse from all the beasts that *were* before it ; and

8 it had ten horns. I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before which there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots : and, behold, in this horn *were* eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.

9 I beheld till thrones were placed, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment *was* white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool : his thrones *were like* the fiery flames, *and* the wheels thereof

10 *as* burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him : thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him : the judgment was set, and the

11 books were opened. I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake : I beheld *even* till the beast was slain,

12 and its body destroyed, and given to the burning flame. As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away : yet a prolongation of their lives was granted to them for a season and

13 time. I saw in the night visions, and, behold, he came like a son of man with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days,

14 and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages, should serve him : his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be

15 destroyed. I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of *my* body,

16 and the visions of my head troubled me. I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the certainty of all this. So he

17 told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things. These great beasts, which are four, *are* four kings, *which* shall arise out of

18 the earth. But the saints of the most High shall receive the king-

19 dom for ever, even for ever and ever. Then I would know a certainty about the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth *were of* iron, and its nails *of* copper ; *which* devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with its feet ;

20 And about the ten horns that *were* in its head, and *of* the other

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which came up, and before which three fell ; even *of* that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look *was* more stout than its fellows. I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them ; Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High ; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom. Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. And the ten horns out of this kingdom *are* ten kings *that* shall arise : and another shall rise after them ; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall lower three kings. And he shall utter speeches against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws : and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times, and the half of a time. And *one* shall sit in judgment, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy *it* unto the end. And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him. Hitherto *is* the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my cogitations much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me : but I kept the matter in my heart.

1 CHAP. VIII.—In the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar a vision appeared unto me, *even unto* me Daniel, after that which
 2 appeared unto me at the first. And I saw in the vision ; and it came to pass, when I saw, that I *was* at Shushan *in* the castle, which *is* in the province of Elam ; and I saw in the vision, and I was by the
 3 river of Ulai. Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, there stood before the river a ram which had *two* horns : and the
 4 *two* horns *were* high ; but one *was* higher than the other, and the higher came up last. I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward : so that no beasts might stand before it, neither
 5 *was there any* that could deliver out of its hand ; but it did according to its will, and became great. And as I was considering, behold, a
 6 he goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth, and touched not the ground : and the goat *had* a notable horn between
 7 its eyes. And it came to the ram that had *two* horns, which I had seen standing before the river, and ran unto it in the fury of its power. And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he was em-

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bittered against it, and smote the ram, and brake its two horns : and there was no power in the ram to stand before it, but it cast him down to the ground, and stamped upon it : and there was none that could deliver the ram out of its hand. Therefore the he goat waxed very great : and when it was strong, the great horn was broken : and for it came up four notable ones towards the four winds of heaven.

8 And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, towards the south, and towards the east, and towards the pleasant *land*. And it waxed great, *even* to the host of heaven ; and it cast down *some* of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them. Yea, he magnified *himself* even to the prince of the host, and by him the continual *sacrifice* was taken away, and the establishment of his sanctuary was cast off. And a host was given *him* against the continual *sacrifice* by reason of transgression, and it cast down truth to the ground ; and it laboured on, and prospered. Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain *saint* who spake, How long *shall be* the vision concerning the continual *sacrifice*, whilst the transgression is desolating, to give both sanctuary and host to be trodden under foot ? And he said unto me. Unto the evening of the morning, two thousand and

10 three hundred ; then shall the sanctuary be justified. And it came to pass, when I, *even* I Daniel, had seen the vision, and sought for understanding, then, behold, there stood before me as the appearance of a man. And I heard a man's voice between *the banks of* Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this *man* to understand the appearance. So he came near to where I stood : and when he came, I was terrified, and fell upon my face ; but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man : for to the time of the end *points* the vision.

12 Now as he was speaking with me I fell in stupefaction, with my face towards the ground : but he touched me, and set me upright. And he said, Behold I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation : for at the time appointed the end *shall be*. The ram which thou sawest having *two* horns *are* the kings of Media and Persia.

14 And the shaggy goat *is* the king of Greece ; and the great horn that *is* between its eyes *is* the first king. Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in its power. And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to an end, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding acute sentences, shall stand up. And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power : and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and act, and shall destroy the mighty and a people of saints. And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand ; and he shall magnify *himself* in his heart, and in peace shall destroy many : he shall also stand up against the heart of princes ; but he shall be broken without hand. And the appearance of the evening and the morning

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which was spoken of *is* true : wherefore shut thou up the vision ; for
 27 it shall be for many days. And I Daniel fainted, and was sick *certain*
 days ; afterwards I rose up, and did the king's business ; and I was
 astonished at the appearance, but none understood it.

- 1 CHAP. IX.—In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of
 Median seed, who was made king over the kingdom of the Casdim.
 2 In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by the books the
 number of the years, whereof the word of the Eternal came to Jere-
 miah that he would let pass¹ seventy years over the ruins of Jerusalem.
 3 And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek *by* prayer and suppli-
 4 cations, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes : And I prayed unto
 the Eternal my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord,
 the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them
 5 that love him, and to them that keep his commandments ; We have
 sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and
 have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judg-
 6 ments : Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets,
 who spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers,
 7 and to all the people of the land. O Lord, righteousness *belongeth*
 unto thee, but unto us confusion of the faces, as at this day ;
 to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto
 all Israel, *that are near, and that are far off*, through all the coun-
 tries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that
 8 they have trespassed against thee. O Eternal, to us *belongeth* con-
 fusion of the face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers,
 9 because we have sinned against thee. To the Eternal our God
belong the mercies and the forgiveness, though we have rebelled
 10 against him ; Neither have we obeyed the voice of the Eternal our
 God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the
 11 prophets. Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even by de-
 parting, that they might not obey thy voice ; therefore the curse is
 poured upon us, and the oath that *is* written in the law of Moses
 12 the servant of God, because we have sinned against him. And he
 hath confirmed his words, which he spake against us, and against our
 judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil : for under
 the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jeru-
 13 salem. As *it is* written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come
 upon us : yet did we not make entreaty before the Eternal our God,
 that we might turn from our iniquities, and consider thy truth.
 14 Therefore hath the Eternal diligently watched upon the evil, and
 brought it upon us : for the Eternal our God *is* righteous in all his

¹ fulfil.

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15 works which he doeth : for we obeyed not his voice. And now, O
 Lord our God, that hast brought thy people forth out of the land of
 Egypt with a strong hand, and hast made thyself a name, as at this
 16 day ; we have sinned, we have done wickedly. O Eternal, according
 to all thy righteousness, pray, let thine anger and thy fury be turned
 away from thy city Jerusalem, the mountain of thy holiness : because
 for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy
 17 people *are become* a reproach to all *that are* about us. Now therefore,
 O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and
 16 cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for thy
 18 sake, O Lord. O my God, incline thine ear, and hear ; open thine
 eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy
 name : for we do not present our supplications before thee for our
 19 righteousness, but for thy great mercies. O Lord, hear ; O Lord,
 forgive ; O Lord, attend and do ; delay not, for thine own sake, O
 20 my God : for thy city and thy people are called by thy name. And
 while I *was* speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin
 of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the Eter-
 21 nal my God, for the mountain of the holiness of my God ; Yea, while
 I *was* speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen
 in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched
 22 me about the time of the evening oblation. And he explained, and
 talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give
 23 thee skill and understanding. At the beginning of thy supplications
 a sentence went forth, and I am come to tell *thee* ; for thou *art*
 greatly beloved : therefore understand the matter, and consider the
 24 appearance. Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and
 upon the city of thy holiness, to restrain the transgression, and to
 make an end of sins, and to make an expiation for iniquity, and to
 bring in perpetuity righteousness, and to seal up vision and pro-
 25 phecy, and to anoint the holy of holies. Know therefore and under-
 stand, *that* from the going forth of a sentence to restore and to build
 Jerusalem unto an anointed one, a leader, *shall be* seven weeks ; and
in three score and two weeks shall street and ditch be built again,
 26 even in troublous times. And after the threescore and two weeks
 shall an anointed one be cut off, and there is none to *help* him ; and a
 people of the coming leader shall destroy the city and the sanctuary ;
 and his end *shall be* with the flood, and unto the end of the war de-
 27 solations are determined. And he shall make powerful a covenant
 for the many for one week : and half a week he shall cause sacrifice
 and oblation to cease, and upon the skirt of *the* abominations there
shall be a desolator, even until the consummation, and that deter-
 mined shall be poured upon the desolate.

1 CHAP. X.—In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a thing was re-
 vealed unto Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar ; and the truth

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of the thing, and a great host : and he noticed the thing, and under-
2 stood it in the vision. In those days I Daniel was mourning three
3 full weeks. I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in
my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks
4 were fulfilled. And in the four and twentieth day of the first month,
5 as I was by the side of the great river, which is Hiddekel : Then
I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed
6 in linen, whose loins *were* girded with fine gold of Uphaz : His body
also *was* like beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his
eyes as torches of fire, and his arms and his feet like the appearance
of polished copper, and the voice of his words like the voice of a
7 multitude. And I Daniel alone saw the vision : for the men that
were with me saw not the vision ; but a great quaking fell upon them,
8 so that they fled to hide themselves. Therefore I was left alone, and
saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me : and my
comeliness was turned upon me into a destroyer, and I retained no
9 strength. Yet heard I the voice of his words : and when I heard the
voice of his words, whilst I was in a stupefaction on my face, and my
10 face towards the ground ; And behold a hand touched me, and
11 set me upon my knees and *upon* the palms of my hands. And he
said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words
that I speak unto thee, and remain where thou art standing : for unto
thee am I now sent. And whilst he spoke this word unto me, I
12 stood trembling. Then said he unto me, Fear not Daniel : for from
the first day that thou didst set thy heart to understand, and to mor-
tify thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come at
13 thy words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me
one and twenty days : but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came
to help me : and I was left there by the side of the kings of Persia.
14 Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people
in the remoteness of the days : for there is yet a vision for those days.
15 And whilst he was speaking such words unto me, I set my face to-
16 wards the ground, and I became dumb. And, behold, *one* like the
similitude of the sons of men touched my lips : then I opened my
mouth, and spake, and said unto him that stood before me, O my
lord, by the vision my sorrows are turned upon me, and I have re-
17 tained no strength. For how can the servant of this my lord talk

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with this my lord? for as for me, from now there remaineth no
 18 strength in me, neither is there breath left in me. Then there came
 again and touched me *one* like the appearance of a man, and he
 19 strengthened me, And said, O man, greatly beloved, fear not: peace
 be unto thee, be strong, yea be strong. And whilst he spoke unto
 me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast
 20 strengthened me. Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore I come
 unto thee? and now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia:
 21 and when I am gone forth, lo, the prince of Greece shall come. But
 I will tell thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and
there is none that holdeth fast with me against those, but Michael
your prince.

1 CHAP. XI.—Also I in the first year of Darius the Mede, *even* I, stood
 2 to confirm and to strengthen him. And now will I tell thee truth.
 Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia; and the fourth
 shall be far richer than *they* all: and by his strength through his riches
 3 he shall stir up all against the kingdom of Greece. And a mighty
 king shall stand up, that shall rule with great dominion, and do ac-
 4 cording to his will. And when he shall stand up, his kingdom shall
 be broken, and shall be divided towards the four winds of heaven;
 and not to his posterity, nor according to his dominion which he
 ruled: for his kingdom shall be plucked up, even for others besides
 5 those. And the king of the south shall be strong, and *one* of his
 princes; and another shall be strong above him, and have dominion;
 6 his dominion *shall be* a great dominion. And in the end of years
 they shall join themselves together; for the king's daughter of the
 south shall come to the king of the north to establish concord: but
 the arm shall not retain power; neither shall he stand, nor his arm:
 but she shall be given up, and they that brought her, and he that
 7 begat her, and he that strengthened her in *these* times. But out of
 a shoot of her roots shall *one* stand up in his place, who shall come
 to the army, and shall enter into the fortresses of the king of the
 8 north, and shall deal against them, and shall prevail: And shall
 also carry captives into Egypt their gods, with their princes, *and*
 with their precious vessels of silver and gold; and he shall continue
 9 *more* years than the king of the north. So the king of the south
 shall come into *his* kingdom, and shall return into his own land.
 10 But his son shall be stirred up, and shall assemble a multitude of
 great forces: and *one* shall certainly come, and overflow, and pass
 through: then shall he return, and be stirred up, *even* to his for-
 11 tress. And the king of the south shall be moved with choler, and
 shall come forth and fight with him, *even* with the king of the north:
 and he shall set forth a great multitude; but the multitude shall be
 12 given into his hand. *And* when the multitude is taken away, his
 heart shall be lifted up; and he shall cast down myriads: but he shall
 13 not prevail. For the king of the north shall return, and shall set
 forth a multitude greater than the former, and shall certainly come
 at the end of times, *even* years with a great army and with much

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14 substance. And in those times there shall many stand up against
 the king of the south : also the robbers of thy people shall exalt them-
 15 selves to establish a vision ; but they shall stumble. So the king of
 the north shall come, and cast up a mount, and conquer a city of
 fortifications : and the arms of the south shall not withstand, neither
 his chosen people, neither *shall there be any* strength to withstand.
 16 But he that cometh against him shall do according to his own will,
 and none shall stand before him : and he shall stand in the glorious
 17 land, and destruction is in his hand. He shall also set his face to
 enter with the strength of his whole kingdom, and upright ones with
 him ; thus shall he do : and he shall give him a daughter of the
 women, corrupting her : but she shall not stand *on his side*, neither
 18 be for him. After this shall he turn his face unto maritime settle-
 ments, and shall take many : but a captain for his own behalf shall
 cause his disgrace to cease ; without his own disgrace he shall cause
 19 *it* to turn upon him. Then he shall turn his face toward the forts
 of his own land : but he shall stumble and fall, and not be found.
 20 Than shall stand up in his place one that causeth the exactor to pass
through the glory of the kingdom : but within few days he shall be
 21 destroyed, neither in anger, nor in war, And in his place shall stand
 up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honour of the king-
 dom : but he shall come in peace, and obtain the kingdom by flat-
 22 teries. And the arms of the flood shall be swept away from before him,
 23 and shall be broken ; yea, also the leader of the covenant. And since
 the union with him he shall work deceitfully : for he shall come up,
 24 and shall become strong with a small people. He shall enter in
 peace even upon the fattest places of the province ; and he shall do
that which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers ; he
 shall scatter among them the prey, and spoil, and riches : *yea*, and
 he shall forecast his devices against the strongholds, even for a time.
 25 And he shall stir up his power and his heart against the king of the
 south with a great army ; and the king of the south shall be stirred
 up to the war with a very great and mighty army ; but he shall not
 26 stand : for they shall forecast devices against him. Yea, they that
 eat of his dainty food shall destroy him, and his army shall overflow :
 27 and many shall fall down slain. And both these king's hearts *shall*
be to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table ; but it shall
 28 not prosper : for there is yet an end to the time appointed. Then
 shall he return into his land with great substance ; and his heart *shall*
be against the covenant of holiness ; and when he hath acted he shall
 29 do *exploits*, and return to his own land. At the time appointed he
 shall return, and come towards the south ; but it shall not be as the
 30 former, or as the latter. For ships from Chittim shall come against
 him : therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation
 against the covenant of holiness, and he shall act ; he shall even re-
 turn, and have intelligence with them that forsake the covenant of
 31 holiness. And arms shall stand on his part,¹ and they shall pollute
 the sanctuary, the fortress, and shall take away the continual *sacri-*
 32 *fice*, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate. And

¹ from him.

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such as do wickedly against the covenant shall be lead astray by flat-
 teries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and
 33 act. And they that understand among the people shall instruct
 many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity,
 34 and by spoil, *many* days. Now when they shall stumble, they shall
 be holpen with a little help: but many shall join them with flat-
 35 teries. And *some* of them of understanding shall stumble, to refine
 through them, and to purge, and to make *them* white, *even* to the
 36 time of the end: for it will last to the time appointed. And the king
 shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify
 himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against
 the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accom-
 37 plished: for what is determined shall be done. Neither shall he re-
 gard the gods of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any
 38 god: for he shall magnify himself above all. But in his place shall
 he honour the God of fortresses: and a god whom his fathers knew
 not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones,
 39 and pleasant things. Thus shall he do in the most strong holds with
 a strange god, him who acknowledgeth, *his* glory will he increase; and
 he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide land for gain.
 40 And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him:
 and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind,
 with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall
 41 enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over. He shall
 enter also into the glorious land, and many *countries* shall be over-
 thrown:¹ but these shall escape out of his hand, *even* Edom, and Moab,
 42 and the firstlings of the children of Ammon. He shall stretch forth his
 hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape.
 43 But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and
 over all the precious things of Egypt: and Lubbin and Cushim *shall*
 44 *be* at his steps. But tidings out of the east and out of the north
 shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to de-
 45 stroy, and to doom many. And he shall plant the tents of his palace
 between seas towards the glorious mountain of holiness; yet he shall
 come to his end, and none shall help him.

1 CHAP. XII.—And at the time shall Michael stand up, the great prince
 who standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a
 time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation *even* to
 that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered,
 2 every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them
 that sleep in the dust of the ground shall awake, some to everlasting
 3 life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And they that
 arise shall shine as the brightness of the expanse; and they that turn
 4 many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. But thou, O
 Daniel, close up the words, and seal the book, *even* to the time of
 the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.
 5 Then I Daniel looked, and behold, there stood over that two: the one on this
 side of the brink of the river, and the other on that side of the brink
 6 of the river. And he said to the man clothed in linen, who was over

¹ stumble.

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the waters of the rivers, How long shall it be to the end of these
7 wonders? And I heard the man clothed in linen, who was over the
waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand
unto the heavens, and sware by him that liveth for ever, that at an
appointed time of appointed times and a half, and when the scatter-
ing of the power of a people of holiness will be completed, shall all
8 these things be finished. And I heard, but I understood not; then
9 said I, O my Lord, what *shall be* the end of these *things*? And he
said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words *are* closed up, and sealed
10 till the time of the end. Many shall be purified, and made white,
and refined; but the wicked shall do wickedly: but all the wicked
11 shall understand nothing; but the intelligent shall understand. And
from the time that the continual *sacrifice* was taken away, and the
abomination that maketh desolate set up, *are* a thousand two hundred
12 and ninety days. O happiness of him that waiteth and attaineth to a
13 thousand three hundred and five and thirty days. But for thee go to the
end; for thou shalt rest, and stand by thy lot at the end of the days.

THE BOOK OF EZRA.

1 CHAP. I.—Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, for the ful-
filment of the word of the Eternal by the mouth of Jeremiah, the
Eternal stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a
proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and *put it* also in writing,
2 saying, Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The Eternal God of heaven
hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged

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3 me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which *is* in Judah. Who *is*
there among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him
 go up to Jerusalem, which *is* in Judah, and build the house of the
 4 Eternal God of Israel, he *is* the God, who *is* in Jerusalem. And
 whosoever remaineth in any place where he sojourneth, let the men
 of his place help¹ him with silver, and with gold, and with substance,
 and with beasts, beside the freewill offering for the house of God,
 5 that *is* in Jerusalem. Then rose up the heads of the fathers of Judah
 and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, with all *them* whose
 spirit God had stirred up, to go up to build the house of the Eternal
 6 which *is* in Jerusalem. And all they that *were* about them, strength-
 ened their hands with vessels of silver, with the gold, with the sub-
 stance, and with the beasts, and with the precious things, besides all
 7 *that* was willingly offered. Also Cyrus the king brought forth the ves-
 sels of the house of the Eternal, which Nebuchadnezzar had brought
 8 forth out of Jerusalem, and had put them in the house of his gods; Even
 those did Cyrus king of Persia bring forth by the hand of Mithredath
 the treasurer, and numbered them unto Sheshbazzar, the prince of
 9 Judah. And this *is* the number of them: thirty chargers of gold, a
 10 thousand chargers of silver, nine and twenty knives. Thirty basons
 of gold, silver basons of a second *sort* four hundred and ten, *and*
 11 other vessels a thousand. All the vessels of gold and of silver *were*
 five thousand and four hundred. All *these* did Sheshbazzar bring
 up with *them of* the captivity that were brought up from Babylon
 unto Jerusalem.

1 CHAP. II.—Now these *are* the children of the province that went up
 out of the prisons, of those who had been carried into captivity, whom
 Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away unto Ba-
 bylon, and came again unto Jerusalem and Judah, every one unto his
 2 city; Who came with Zerubbabel: Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah,
 Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mizpar, Bigvai, Rehum, Baanah. The
 3 number of the men of the people of Israel: The children of Parosh,
 4 two thousand a hundred seventy and two. The children of Shepha-
 5 tiah, three hundred seventy and two. The children of Arah, seven
 6 hundred seventy and five. The children of Pahath-moab, of the
 children of Jeshua *and* Joab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve.
 7 The children of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.
 8 9 The children of Zattu, nine hundred forty and five. The children
 10 of Zaccai, seven hundred and threescore. The children of Bani, six

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11 hundred forty and two. The children of Bebai, six hundred twenty
 12 and three. The children of Azgad, a thousand two hundred twenty
 13 and two. The children of Adonikam, six hundred sixty and six.
 14 15 The children of Bigvai, two thousand fifty and six. The children
 16 of Adin, four hundred fifty and four. The children of Ater of
 17 Hezekiah, ninety and eight. The children of Bezai, three hundred
 18 twenty and three. The children of Jorah, a hundred and twelve.
 19 20 The children of Hashum, two hundred twenty and three. The
 21 children of Gibbar, ninety and five. The children of Beth-lehem, a
 22 hundred twenty and three. The men of Netophah, fifty and six.
 23 24 The men of Anathoth, a hundred twenty and eight. The children
 25 of Azmaveth, forty and two. The children of Kirjath-arim, Che-
 26 phirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred and forty and three. The chil-
 27 dren of Rama and Gaba, six hundred twenty and one. The men of
 28 Michmas, a hundred twenty and two. The men of Beth-el and Ai,
 29 two hundred twenty and three. The children of Nebo, fifty and two.
 30 31 The children of Magbish, a hundred fifty and six. The children
 32 of another Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four. The
 33 children of Harim, three hundred and twenty. The children of
 34 Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred twenty and five. The children
 35 of Jericho, three hundred forty and five. The children of Senaah,
 36 three thousand and six hundred and thirty. The priests: the children
 of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy and three.
 37 38 The children of Immer, a thousand fifty and two. The children
 39 of Pashur, a thousand two hundred forty and seven. The children
 40 of Harim, a thousand and seventeen. The Levites: the children
 of Jeshua and Kadmiel, of the children of Hodaviah, seventy and
 41 four. The singers: the children of Asaph, a hundred twenty and
 42 eight. The children of the gate-keepers: the children of Shal-
 lum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of
 Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, *in* all a hundred
 43 thirty and nine. The temple servants: the children of Ziha, the
 44 children of Hasupha, the children of Tabbaoth, The children of
 45 Keros, the children of Siaha, the children of Padon, The children
 46 of Lebanah, the children of Hagabah, the children of Akkub, The
 children of Hagab, the children of Shalmal, the children of Hanan,
 47 The children of Giddel, the children of Gahar, the children of
 48 Reaiah. The children of Rezin, the children of Nekoda, the chil-
 49 dren of Gazzam, The children of Uzza, the children of Paseah,
 50 the children of Besai, The children of Asnah, the children of Me-
 51 hunim, the children of Nephusim, The children of Bakbuk, the

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52 children of Hakupha, the children of Harhur, The children of
 53 Bazluth, the children of Mehida, the children of Harsha. The
 children of Barkos, the children of Sisera, the children of Tha-
 54 mah. The children of Neziah, the children of Hatipha.
 55 The children of Solomon's servants: the children of Sotai, the
 56 children of Sophereth, the children of Peruda, The children of
 57 Jaalah, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel, The
 children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the children of Poche-
 58 reth of Zebaim, the children of Ami. All the temple servants, and
 the children of Solomon's servants, *were* three hundred ninety and
 59 two. And these *were* they who went up from Tel-melah, Tel-harsa,
 Cherub, Addan, *and* Immer: but they could not tell their father's
 60 house, and their seed, whether they *were* of Israel: The children
 of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of Nekoda, six
 61 hundred fifty and two. And of the children of the priests: the
 children of the Habaiah, the children of Koz, the children of Bar-
 zillai; who took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite,
 62 and was called after their name: These sought their genealogical
 records, but they were not found: therefore were they, as polluted,
 63 put from the priesthood. And the Tirshatha said unto them, that
 they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood up a
 64 priest with Urim and with Thummim. The whole congregation
 together *was* forty and two thousand three hundred *and* threescore.
 65 Beside their servants and their maids, these *were* seven thousand
 three hundred thirty and seven: and *there were* among them
 66 two hundred singing men and singing women. Their horses *were*
 seven hundred thirty and six; their mules, two hundred forty and
 67 five; Their camels, four hundred thirty and five; *their* asses, six
 68 thousand seven hundred and twenty. And *some* of the heads of the
 fathers, when they came to the house of the Eternal which *is* at Je-
 rusalem, offered freely for the house of God to set it up in its place:
 69 They gave after their ability unto the treasure of the work threescore
 and one thousand darics of gold, and five thousand pounds of silver
 70 and one hundred priests' coats. So the priests, and the Levites, and
some of the people, and the singers, and the gate keepers, and the
 temple servants, dwelt in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.

- 1 CHAP. III.—And when the seventh month was come, and the chil-
 dren of Israel *were* in the cities, the people gathered themselves
- 2 together as one man to Jerusalem. Then stood up Jeshua the son
 of Jozadak, and his brethren the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of
 Shealtiel, and his brethren, and built the altar of the God of Israel,
 to offer burnt offerings thereon, as *it is* written in the law of Moses,
- 3 the man of God. And they set the altar upon its bases; for dread
was upon them because of the peoples of the countries: and they

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offered burnt offerings thereon unto the Eternal, *even* burnt offerings
 4 morning and evening. They kept also the festival of booths, as *it is*
 written, and *offered* the daily burnt offerings by number, according
 5 to the custom, as the duty of every day required; And afterwards
offered the continual burnt offering, both of the new moons, and of all
 the appointed seasons of the Eternal that were consecrated, and of
 every one that willingly offered a freewill offering unto the Eternal.
 6 From the first day of the seventh month began they to offer burnt
 offerings unto the Eternal. But the foundation of the temple of the
 7 Eternal was not *yet* laid. They gave money also unto the hewers,
 and to the carpenters; and meat, and drink, and oil, unto them of
 Zidon, and to them of Tyre, to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to
 the sea of Joppa, according to the grant that they had of Cyrus king
 8 of Persia. Now in the second year of their coming unto the house
 of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, began Zerubbabel the
 son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the remnant of
 their brethren, the priests and the Levites, and all they that were
 come out of the captivity unto Jerusalem; and appointed the Levites,
 from twenty years old and upwards, to preside over the work of the
 9 house of the Eternal. Then stood Jeshua *with* his sons and his
 brethren, Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of Judah, as one, to preside
 over the workmen in the house of God: the sons of Henedad, their
 10 sons and their brethren the Levites. And when the builders laid
 the foundation of the temple of the Eternal, they set the priests in
 their apparel with the trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph
 with the cymbals, to praise the Eternal, in the manner of David king
 11 of Israel. And they sang together by course in praising and giving
 thanks unto the Eternal; because *he is* good, for his mercy *endureth*
 for ever towards Israel. And all the people shouted with a great
 shout, when they praised the Eternal, because the foundation of the
 12 house of the Eternal was laid. But many of the priests and Levites
 and heads of the fathers, the old men, that had seen the first house,
 when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept
 with a loud voice; and many raised their voices in shouts for joy:
 13 So that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from
 the noise of the weeping of the people: for the people shouted with a
 loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.

1 CHAP. IV.—Now when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard
 that the children of the captivity built a temple unto the Eternal
 2 God of Israel; Then they came to Zerubbabel, and to the heads of
 the fathers, and said unto them, Let us build with you: for we will
 seek your God, as ye *do*; and we do sacrifice unto him since the days
 3 of Esar-haddon king of Assur, who brought us up hither. But
 Zerubbabel, and Jeshua, and the rest of the heads of the fathers of

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Israel, said unto them, It does not become ye and us to build a house unto our God; but we ourselves together will build unto the Eternal God of Israel, as king Cyrus the king of Persia hath commanded us.

4 Then the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of
5 Judah, and troubled them in building, And hired counsellors against them, to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia. And in the reign of Ahasuerus, in the beginning of his reign, wrote they *unto him* an
7 accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem. And in the days of Artaxerxes wrote Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabeel, and the rest of their companions, under Artaxerxes king of Persia; and the writing of the letter *was* written in the Syrian tongue, and interpreted
8 in the Syrian tongue. Rehum the chancellor, and Shimshai the scribe, wrote a letter against Jerusalem to Artaxerxes the king in this sort:
9 Then *wrote* Rehum the chancellor, and Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their companions; the Dinaites, the Apharsathchites, the Tarpelites, the Apharsites, the Archevites, the Babylonians, the
10 Susanchites, the Dehavites, *and* the Elamites, And the rest of the nations whom the great and noble Asnapper brought over, and set in the cities of Samaria, and the rest *that are* on this side the river, and
11 so forth. This *is* the copy of the letter that they sent unto him, *even* unto Artaxerxes the king; Thy servants the men on this side
12 the river, and so forth. Be it known unto the king that the Jews who came up from thee to us are come unto Jerusalem, building the rebellious and bad city, and have set up the walls *thereof*, and
13 joined the foundations. Be it known now unto the king,¹ that if this city be built, and the walls be set up *again*, *then* will they not pay tribute, excise, and toll, and *so* thou shalt endamage the revenue of the
14 kings. Now because we eat salt from *the king's* palace, and it was not meet for us to see the king's dishonour, therefore have we sent
15 and certified the king; That search may be made in the book of the records of thy fathers: so shalt thou find in the book of the records, and know that this city *is* a rebellious city, and hurtful unto kings and provinces, and that they have moved sedition within the same of old
16 time: for which cause was this city destroyed. We certify the king, that if this city be built *again*, and the walls thereof set up, by this

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17 means thou shalt have no portion on this side the river. *Then* sent the king an edict unto Rehum the chancellor, and *to* Shimshai the scribe, and *to* the rest of their companions that dwell in Samaria, and
 18 *unto* the rest beyond the river, Peace, and so forth. The letter which
 19 ye sent unto us hath been plainly read before me. And a command proceeded from me, and search hath been made, and it is found that this city of old time hath made insurrection against kings, and *that*
 20 rebellion and sedition have been made therein. There have been mighty kings also over Jerusalem, who have ruled over all *countries* beyond the river; and tributes, excise, and toll was paid unto them.
 21 Give ye now commandment to cause these men to cease, and that this city be not built, until *another* commandment shall be given
 22 from me. Take heed now that ye fail not to do this: why should
 23 damage grow to the hurt of the kings? Now when the copy of king Artaxerxes' letter *was* read before Rehum, and Shimshai the scribe, and their companions, they went up in haste to Jerusalem unto the
 24 Jews, and made them to cease by force and power. Then ceased the work of the house of God which *is* at Jerusalem. So it ceased unto the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.

1 CHAP. V.—Then the prophets, Haggai the prophet, and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied unto the Jews that *were* in Judah and
 2 Jerusalem in the name of the God of Israel, *even* unto them. Then rose up Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and began to build the house of God which *is* at Jerusalem:
 3 and with them *were* the prophets of God helping them. At the same time came against them Tatnai, pashaw on this side the river, and Shethar-boznai, and their companions, and said thus unto them, Who hath commanded you to build this house, and to finish this wall?
 4 Then said we unto them after this manner, What are the names of
 5 the men that make this building? But the eye of their God was upon the elders of the Jews, that they could not cause them to cease, till the matter should come to Darius: and they then should have
 6 returned answer by letter concerning this *matter*. The copy of the letter that Tatnai, pashaw on this side the river, and Shethar-boznai, and his companions the Apharsachites, who *were* on this side the
 7 river, sent unto Darius the king; They sent a report unto him, wherein was written thus; Unto Darius the king, all peace. Be it known unto the king, that we went into the province of Judea, to the house of the great God, which is built with great stones, and timber

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is laid in the walls, and this work goeth fast on, and prospereth in
 9 their hands. Then asked we those elders, *and* said unto them thus,
 Who commanded you to build this house, and to finish these walls?
 10 We asked their names also, to certify thee, that we might write the
 11 names of the men that *were* the chief of them. And thus they
 returned us answer, saying, We are the servants of the God of heaven
 and earth, and build the house that was built these many years ago,
 12 which a great king of Israel built and finished. But after that our
 fathers had provoked the God of heaven unto wrath, he gave them
 into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, the Casdee
 who destroyed this house, and carried the people away into Babylon.
 13 But in the first year of Cyrus the king of Babylon *the same* king Cyrus
 14 made a decree to build this house of God. And the vessels also of
 gold and silver of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took
 out of the temple that *was* in Jerusalem, and brought them into the
 temple of Babylon, those did Cyrus the king take out of the temple
 of Babylon, and they were delivered unto *one*, whose name *was*
 15 Sheshbazzar, whom he had made pashaw; And said unto him,
 Take these vessels, go, carry them into the temple that *is* in Jerusa-
 16 lem, and let the house of God be built in its place. Then came the
 same Sheshbazzar, *and* laid the foundation of the house of God
 16 which *is* in Jerusalem: and since that time even until now hath it
 17 been in building, and *yet* it is not completed. Now therefore, *if it*
seem good to the king, let there be search made in the king's treasure
 house, which *is* there at Babylon, whether it be *so*, that a decree was
 made of Cyrus the king to build the house of God at Jerusalem, and
 let the king send his pleasure to us concerning this matter.

1 CHAP. VI.—Then Darius the king made a decree, and search was
 made in the house of the rolls, where the treasures were laid up in
 2 Babylon. And there was found at Achmetha, in the palace that *is* in
 the province of the Medes, a roll, and therein *was* a record thus
 3 written: In the first year of Cyrus the king, *the same* Cyrus the king
 made a decree *concerning* the house of God at Jerusalem, Let the
 house be built, the place where they offered sacrifices, and let the
 foundations thereof be strongly laid; the height thereof three-
 4 score cubits, *and* the breadth thereof threescore cubits. *With* three
 rows of great stones, and a row of new timber: and let the expenses

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- 5 be given out of the king's house : And also let the golden and silver vessels of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took forth out of the temple which *is* at Jerusalem, and brought unto Babylon, be restored, and brought again unto the temple which *is* at Jerusalem,
- 6 *every one* to its place, and place *them* in the house of God. Now *therefore*, Tatnai, pashaw beyond the river, Shethar-boznai, and your companions the Apharsachites, who *are* beyond the river, be ye far
- 7 from thence : Let the work of this house of God alone ; let the pashaw of the Jews and the elders of the Jews build this house of
- 8 God in its place. Moreover from me proceeds a decree what ye shall do to the elders of these Jews for the building of this house of God , that of the king's goods, *even* of the tribute beyond the river, forthwith expenses be given unto these men, that they be not hindered. And that which they have need of, both young bullocks, and rams, and lambs, for the burnt offerings of the God of heaven, wheat, salt, wine, and oil, according to the appointment of the priests which
- 10 *are* at Jerusalem, let it be given them day by day without fail : That they may offer pleasing odours unto the God of heaven, and pray for
- 11 the life of the king, and of his sons. From me also proceeds a decree, that whosoever shall alter this edict, let timber be pulled down from his house; and being set up, let him be fastened thereon ; and let his
- 12 house be made a dunghill for this. And the God that hath caused his name to dwell there destroy all kings and people, that shall put to their hand to alter *and* to destroy this house of God which *is* at Jerusalem. I Darius have made a decree : let it be done forthwith.
- 13 Then Tatnai, pashaw on this side the river, Shethar-boznai, and their companions, according to that which Darius the king had sent, so
- 14 they did forthwith. And the elders of the Jews built, and they prospered through the prophecy of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they built, and finished *it*, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the commandment of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia.
- 15 And this house was completed on the third day of the month Adar,
- 16 which was in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king. And the children of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dedication of this
- 17 house of God with joy, And offered at the dedication of this house of God a hundred bulls, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs ;

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and for a sin-offering for all Israel, twelve he-goats, according to the
 18 number of the tribes of Israel. And they set the priests in their
 divisions, and the Levites in their courses, for the service of God,
 19 who *is* at Jerusalem; as it is written in the book of Moses. And
 the children of the captivity kept the Passover upon the fourteenth
 20 *day* of the first month. For the priests and the Levites were purified
 together, all of them *were* pure, and killed the Passover for all the
 children of the captivity, and for their brethren the priests, and for
 21 themselves. And the children of Israel, who were come again out
 of the captivity, and all such as had separated themselves unto them
 from the filthiness of the nations of the land, to seek the Eternal God
 22 of Israel, did eat, And kept the festival of unleavened bread seven
 days with joy: for the Eternal had made them joyful, and turned
 the heart of the king of Assyria unto them, to strengthen their hands
 in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.

1 CHAP. VII.—Now after these things in the reign of Artaxerxes king
 of Persia, Ezra the son of Seraiah, the son of Azariah, the son of
 2 Hilkiah, The son of Shallum, the son of Zadock, the son of Ahitub.
 3 4 The son of Amariah, the son of Azariah, the son of Meraioth, The
 5 son of Zerariah, the son of Uzzi, the son of Bukki, The son of
 Abishua, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron
 6 the chief priest: This Ezra went up from Babylon; and he *was* a
 ready scribe in the law of Moses, which the Eternal God of Israel
 had given: and the king granted him all his request, according to
 7 the hand of the Eternal his God upon him. And there went up
some of the children of Israel, and of the priests, and the Levites, and
 the singers, and the porters, and the temple servants, unto Jerusalem,
 8 in the seventh year of Artaxerxes the king. And he came to Jeru-
 salem in the fifth month, which *was* in the seventh year of the king.
 9 For upon the first *day* of the first month was the beginning¹ of the ascent
 from Babylon, and on the first *day* of the fifth month came he to
 10 Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him. For
 Ezra had prepared his heart to search the law of the Eternal, and to
 11 do *it*, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments. Now this *is* the
 copy of the letter that the king Artaxerxes gave unto Ezra the priest,
 the scribe, *even* a scribe of the words of the commandments of the
 12 Eternal, and of his statutes to Israel. Artaxerxes, king of kings, unto
 Ezra the priest, a scribe of the law of the God of heaven, given and

¹ foundation.

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- 13 so forth. From me proceeds a decree, that all they of the people of Israel, and *of* his priests and Levites, in my realm, who are minded
 14 of their own freewill to go up to Jerusalem, go with thee. Forasmuch as thou art sent of the king, and of his seven counsellors, to enquire concerning Judah and Jerusalem, according to the law of thy
 15 God which *is* in thy hand; And to carry the silver and gold, which the king and his counsellors have freely offered unto the God of
 16 Israel, whose habitation *is* in Jerusalem, And all silver and gold that thou canst find in all the province of Babylon, with the freewill offering of the people, and of the priests, offering willingly for the
 17 house of their God which *is* in Jerusalem: That thou mayest buy forthwith with this money bulls, rams, lambs, with their oblations and their drink offerings, and offer them upon the altar of the house
 18 of your God which *is* in Jerusalem. And whatsoever shall seem good to thee, and to thy brethren, to do with the rest of the silver
 19 and the gold, that do after the will of your God. The vessels also that are given thee for the service of the house of thy God, *those*
 20 deliver thou before the God of Jerusalem, And whatsoever more shall be needful for the house of thy God, which thou shalt have
 21 occasion to bestow, bestow *it* out of the king's treasure house. And from me, *even* me Artaxerxes the king, proceeds a decree to all the treasurers who *are* beyond the river, that whatsoever Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heaven, shall require of you, it be
 22 done forthwith, Unto a hundred talents of silver, and to a hundred measures of wheat, and to a hundred baths of wine, and to a hundred
 23 baths of oil, and salt without prescribing *how much*. Whatsoever is commanded by the God of heaven, let it be diligently done for the house of the God of heaven: for why should there be wrath against
 24 the realm of the king and his sons? Also we certify you, that touching any of the priests and Levites, singers, porters, temple servants, or ministers of this house of God, it shall not be lawful to im-
 25 pose tribute, excise, or toll, upon them. And thou, Ezra, after the wisdom of thy God, that *is* in thy hand, set magistrates and judges, who may judge all the people that *are* beyond the river, all such as know the laws of thy God, and teach ye them that know *them* not.
 26 And whosoever will not do the law of thy God, and the law of the king, let judgment be executed forthwith upon him, whether *it be* unto death, or to banishment, or to confiscation of goods, or to im-

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27 prisonment. Blessed *be* the Eternal God of our fathers, who hath put *such a thing* as this in the king's heart, to beautify the house of
 28 the Eternal which *is* in Jerusalem: And hath extended mercy unto me before the king, and his counsellors, and before all the king's mighty princes. And I was strengthened as the hand of the Eternal my God *was* upon me, and I gathered together out of Israel chief men to go up with me.

1 CHAP. VIII.—These *are* now the heads of their fathers, and *this is* the genealogy of them that went up with me from Babylon, in the
 2 reign of Artaxerxes the king. Of the sons of Phineas; Gershom: of the sons of Ithamar; Daniel: of the sons of David; Hattush.
 3 Of the sons of Shechaniah, of the sons of Pharosh; Zechariah: and with him were reckoned by genealogy of the males a hundred and
 4 fifty. Of the sons of Pahath-moab; Elihoenai the son of Zerachiah,
 5 and with him two hundred males. Of the sons of Shechaniah; the
 6 son of Jahaziel, and with him three hundred males. Of the sons also of Adin; Ebed the son of Jonathan, and with him fifty males.
 7 And of the sons of Elam; Jeshaiiah the son of Athaliah, and with
 8 him seventy males. And of the sons of Shephatiah; Zebadiah the
 9 son of Michael, and with him fourscore males. Of the sons of Joab, Obadiah the son of Jehiel, and with him two hundred and eighteen
 10 males. And of the sons of Shelomith; the son of Josiphiah, and
 11 with him a hundred and threescore males. And of the sons of Bebai; Zechariah the son of Bebai, and with him twenty and eight
 12 males. And of the sons of Azgad; Johanan the son of Hakkatan,
 13 and with him a hundred and ten males. And of the last sons of Adonikam, whose names *are* these, Eliphelet, Jeiel, and Shemaiah,
 14 and with them threescore males. Of the sons also of Bigvai; Uthai,
 15 and Zabbud, and with them seventy males. And I gathered them together to the river that runneth to Ahava; and we were encamped three days: and I viewed the people, and the priests, and found
 16 there none of the sons of Levi. Then sent I for Eliezer, for Ariel, for Shemaiah, and for Elnathan, and for Jarib, and for Elnathan, and for Nathan, and for Zechariah, and for Meshullam, chief men; also
 17 for Joiarib, and for Elnathan, men of understanding. And I sent them with commandment unto Iddo the head of the place Casiphia, and I put into their mouths the words they should say unto Iddo, his brother, *and* the temple servants, at the place Casiphia, that they
 18 should bring unto us ministers for the house of God. And by the good hand of our God upon us they brought us a man of understanding, of the sons of Mahli, the son of Levi, the son of Israel; and

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19 Sherebiah, with his sons and brethren, eighteen ; And Hashabiah,
 and with him Jeshaiah of the sons of Merari, his brethren and their
 20 sons, twenty ; Also of the temple servants, whom David and the
 princes had appointed for the service of the Levites, two hundred and
 21 twenty temple servants : all of them were expressed by name. Then
 I proclaimed a fast there, at the river of Ahava, that we might afflict
 ourselves before our God, to seek of him a right way for us, and for
 22 our little ones, and for all our substance. For I was ashamed to ask
 of the king a force and horsemen to help us against the enemy in the
 way : because we had spoken unto the king, saying, The hand of our
 God *is* upon all them for good that seek him ; but his power and his
 23 wrath *is* against all them that forsake him. So we fasted and
 24 besought our God for this : and he was entreated of us. Then I
 separated twelve of the chiefs of the priests, Sherebiah, Hashabiah,
 25 and ten of their brethren with them, And weighed unto them the
 silver, and the gold, and the vessels, *even* the offering of the house of
 our God, which the king, and his counsellors, and his princes, and
 26 all Israel *there* present, had offered : I even weighed unto their
 hand six hundred and fifty talents of silver, and silver vessels a
 27 hundred talents, *and* of gold a hundred talents ; Also twenty basons
 of gold, of a thousand darics ; and two vessels of shining copper,
 28 precious as the gold. And I said unto them, Ye *are* holiness unto
 the Eternal ; the vessels *are* holiness also ; and the silver and the gold
 29 *are* a freewill offering unto the Eternal God of your fathers. Watch
 ye, and keep *them*, until ye weigh *them* before the princes of the
 priests and the Levites, and princes of the fathers of Israel, at Jeru-
 30 salem, in the chambers of the house of the Eternal. So took the
 priests and the Levites the weight of the silver, and the gold, and
 the vessels, to bring *them* to Jerusalem unto the house of our God.
 31 Then we departed from the river of Ahava on the twelfth *day* of the
 first month, to go unto Jerusalem : and the hand of our God was upon
 us, and he delivered us from the hand of the enemy, and of such as
 32 lay in wait by the way. And we came to Jerusalem, and abode
 33 there three days. Now on the fourth day were the silver and gold
 and the vessels weighed in the house of our God by the hand of
 Meremoth, the son of Uriah the priest ; and with him was Eleazar
 the son of Phinehas ; and with them *was* Jozabad the son of Jeshua,
 34 and Noadiah the son of Binnui, Levites ; By number *and* by weight
 35 of every one : and all the weight was written at that time. *Also* the
 children of those that had been carried away, who were come out of
 the captivity, offered burnt offerings unto the God of Israel, twelve
 bulls for all Israel, ninety and six rams, seventy and seven lambs,

twelve he goats *for* a sin offering ; all *this was* a burnt offering unto
 36 the Eternal. And^r they delivered the king's commissions unto the
 king's satraps, and to the pashaws on this side the river : and they
 furthered the people, and the house of God.

- 1 CHAP. IX.—Now when these things were finished the princes came
 to me, saying, The people of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites,
 have not separated themselves from the people of the lands, *doing*
 according to their abominations, *even* of the Canaanites, the Hittites,
 the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the
 2 Egyptians, and the Amorites. For they have taken of their daughters
 for themselves, and for their sons : so that the holy seed have mingled
 themselves with the people of *those* lands : yea, the land of the princes
 3 and governors hath been chief in this trespass. And when I heard
 this thing, I rent my garment and my mantle, and plucked off the
 4 hair of my head and of my beard, and sat down desolate. Then
 were assembled unto me every one that trembled at the words of the
 God of Israel, because of the trespass of those that had been carried
 5 away ; and I sat desolate until the evening oblation. And at the
 evening oblation I arose up from my fast ; and having rent my gar-
 ment and my mantle, I fell upon my knees, and spread out my hands
 6 unto the Eternal my God, And said, O my God, I am ashamed
 and blush to lift up my face to thee, my God : for our iniquities are
 increased over *our* head, and our guilt is grown up unto the heavens.
 7 Since the days of our fathers *have we been* in a great guilt unto this
 day ; and for our iniquities have we, our kings, *and* our priests, been
 delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to
 captivity, and to a spoil, and to confusion of face, as *it is* this day.
 8 And now for a little space grace hath been *shewed* from the Eternal
 our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a nail in his
 holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and give us a little
 9 reviving in our bondage. For we *were* bondmen ; yet our God hath
 not forsaken us in our bondage, but hath extended mercy unto us in
 the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving, to set up the
 house of our God, and to repair the ruins thereof, and to give us a
 10 wall in Judah and in Jerusalem. And now, O our God, what shall
 11 we say after this ? for we have forsaken thy commandments, Which
 thou hast commanded by thy servants the prophets, saying, The land,
 unto which ye go to possess it, is an unclean land with the filthiness
 of the peoples of the lands, with their abominations, which have filled
 12 it from one end to another with their uncleanness. Now therefore
 give not your daughters unto their sons, neither take their daughters

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unto your sons, nor seek their peace or their welfare for ever : that ye may be strong, and eat the good of the land, and leave *it* for an inheritance to your children for ever. And after all that is come upon us for our evil deeds, and for our great guilt, although thou our God hast spared *us*, *punishing* less than our iniquities *deserve*, and hast given us *such* deliverance as this ; Should we again make void thy commandments, and intermarry with the people of these abominations ? wouldest not thou be angry with us till thou hadst consumed *us*, so that *there should be* no remnant nor escaping ? O Eternal God of Israel, thou *art* righteous : for we remain escaped, as *it is* this day : behold, we *are* before thee in our guilt : for we cannot stand before thee because of this.

1 CHAP. X.—Now when Ezra had prayed, and when he had confessed, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God, there assembled unto him out of Israel a very great congregation of men and
2 women and children : for the people wept very sore. And Shechaniah the son of Jehiel, *one* of the sons of Elam, answered and said unto Ezra, We have trespassed against our God, and have taken strange wives of the peoples of the land : yet now there is hope in Israel concerning this thing. Now therefore let us make a covenant with our God to put away all the wives, and such as are born of them, according to the counsel of my lord, and of those that tremble at the commandment of our God ; and let it be done according to the law.
4 Arise ; for *this* matter *belongeth* unto thee : we also *will be* with thee ;
5 be of good courage and do *it*. Then arose Ezra, and adjured the chief priests, the Levites, and all Israel, that they should do according
6 to this word. And they swear. Then Ezra rose up from before the house of God, and went into the chamber of Johanan the son of Eliashib : and when he came thither, he did eat no bread, nor drink water : for he mourned because of the transgression of them that had
7 been carried away. And they made proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem unto all the children of the captivity, that they should
8 gather themselves together unto Jerusalem ; And that whosoever would not come within three days, according to the counsel of the princes and the elders, all his substance should be doomed, and himself separated from the congregation of those that had been carried
9 away. Then all the men of Judah and Benjamin gathered themselves together unto Jerusalem within three days. *It was* the ninth month, on the twentieth *day* of the month ; and all the people sat in the street of the house of God, trembling because of *this* matter, and for
10 the great rain. And Ezra the priest stood up, and said unto them, Ye have transgressed, and have taken strange wives, to increase the
11 guilt of Israel. Now therefore make confession unto the Eternal God of your fathers, and do his pleasure : and separate yourselves from

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12 the people of the land, and the strange wives. Then all the
 congregation answered, and said with a loud voice, As thou hast
 13 said, so must we do. But the people *are* many, and *it is* a time of
 much rain, and we are not able to stand without, neither *is this* a
 work of one day or two : for we are many that have transgressed
 14 in this thing. Let now our princes of all the congregation stand,
 and let all them who have taken strange wives in our cities come at
 appointed times, and with them the elders of every city, and the
 judges thereof, until the fierce wrath of our God for this matter be
 15 turned from us. Only Jonathan the son of Ashel and Jahaziah the
 son of Tikvah were employed about this *matter* : and Meshullam and
 16 Shabbethai the Levite helped them. And the children of the cap-
 tivity did so. And Ezra the priest, *with* certain heads of the fathers,
 after the house of their fathers, and all of them by *their* names, were
 separated, and sat down in the first day of the tenth month to examine
 17 the matter. And they made an end with all the men that had taken
 18 strange wives by the first day of the first month. And among the
 sons of the priests there were found that had taken strange wives :
namely, of the sons of Jesuah the son of Jozadak, and his brethren ;
 19 Maaseiah, and Eliezer, and Jarib, and Gedaliah. And they gave
 their hands that they would put away their wives ; and *being* guilty,
 20 *they offered* a ram of the flock for their guilt. And of the sons of
 21 Immer ; Hanani, and Zebadiah. And of the sons of Harim ; Maaseiah,
 22 and Elijah, and Shemaiah, and Jehiel, and Uziah. And of the
 sons of Pashur ; Elioenai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethaneel, Jozabad,
 23 and Elasah. Also of the Levites ; Jozabad, and Shimei, and Kelaiah
 24 (the same *is* Kelita), Pethahiah, Judah, and Eliezer. Of the singers
 also ; Eliashib : and of the porters ; Shallum, and Telem, and Uri.
 25 Moreover of Israel : of the sons of Parosh ; Ramaiah, and Jeziah,
 and Malchiah, and Miamin, and Eleazar, and Malchijah, and Benaiah.
 26 And of the sons of Elam ; Mattaniah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, and
 27 Abdi, and Jeremoth, and Eliah. And of the sons of Zattu ; Elioenai,
 28 Eliashib, Mattaniah, and Jeremoth, and Zabad, and Aziza. Of the
 29 sons also of Bebai ; Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, *and* Athlai. And
 of the sons of Bani ; Meshullam, Malluch, and Adaiah, Jashub, and
 30 Sheal, and Ramoth. And of the sons of Pahath-moab ; Adna, and
 Chelal, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattaniah, Bezaleel, and Binnui, and
 31 Manasseh. And *of* the sons of Harim ; Eliezer, Ishijah, Malchia,
 32 33 Shemaiah, Shimeon, Benjamin, Malluch, *and* Shemariah. Of
 the sons of Hashum ; Mattenai, Mattathah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jere-
 34 mai, Manasseh, *and* Shimei. Of the sons of Bani ; Maadai, Am-

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35 36 ram, and Uel, Benaiah, Bedeiah, Chelluh, Vaniah, Meremoth,
37 38 Eliashib, Mattaniah, Mattenai, and Jaasan, And Bani, and
39 Binnui, Shimei, Ane Shelemiah, and Nathan, and Adaiah,
40 41 Machnadebai, Shashai, Sharai, Azareel, and Shelemiah, She-
42 43 mariah, Shallum, Amariah, *and* Joseph. Of the sons of Nebo ;
44 Jeiel, Mattithiah, Zabad, Zebinah, Jadau, and Joel, Benaiah. All
these had taken strange wives : and *some* of them had wives by whom
they had children.

THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH.

1 CHAP. I.—The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah. And it
came to pass in the month Chisleu, in the twentieth year, as I was
2 in Shushan the castle, That Hanani, one of the brethren, came, he
and *certain* men of Judah ; and I asked them concerning the Jews
that had escaped, who were left of the captivity, and concerning
3 Jerusalem. And they said unto me, The remnant that are left of
the captivity there in the province *are* in great affliction and reproach :
the wall of Jerusalem also *is* broken down, and the gates thereof are
4 burned with fire. And it came to pass, when I heard these words,
that I sat down and wept, and mourned *certain* days, and fasted, and
5 prayed before the God of heaven, And said, I beseech thee, O
Eternal, God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth
covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his com-
6 mandments : Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open,
that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before
thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and
confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned
7 against thee : both I and my father's house have sinned. We have
dealt very corruptly against thee, and have not kept the com-

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mandments, nor the statutes, nor the judgments, which thou com-
 8 mandedst thy servant Moses. Remember now the word that thou
 commandedst thy servant Moses, saying, *If* ye transgress, I will scat-
 9 ter you abroad among the nations: But *if* ye turn unto me, and
 keep my commandments, and do them; though there were of you
 cast out unto the uttermost part of the heaven, *yet* will I gather them
 from thence, and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen
 10 to set my name there. Now these *are* thy servants and thy people,
 whom thou hast redeemed by thy great power, and by thy strong
 11 hand. O Lord, I beseech thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the
 prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants, who desire
 to fear thy name: and prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day, and
 grant him mercy in the sight of this man. For I was the king's
 cupbearer.

1 CHAP. II.—And it came to pass in the month Nisan, in the twen-
 tieth year of Artaxerxes the king, *that* wine *was* before him: and I
 took up the wine, and gave *it* unto the king. Now I had not been
 2 *beforetime* sad in his presence. Wherefore the king said unto me,
 Why *is* thy countenance sad, seeing thou *art* not sick? this *is* nothing
 3 *else* but an evil heart. Then I was very sore afraid, And said unto
 the king, Let the king live for ever; why should not my countenance
 be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' sepulchres, *lieth* waste,
 4 and the gates thereof are consumed with fire? Then the king said
 unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God
 5 of heaven. And I said unto the king, If it please the king, and if
 thy servant have found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldest send
 me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres, that I may
 6 build it. And the king said unto me, the consort also sitting
 by him, For how long shall thy journey be? and when wilt thou re-
 turn? So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a
 7 time. Moreover I said unto the king, If it please the king,
 let letters be given me to the pashaws beyond the river, that
 8 they may convey me over till I come into Judah; And a letter unto
 Asaph the keeper of the king's park, that he may give me timber to
 make beams for the gates of the castle which *appertained* to the
 house, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall enter
 into. And the king granted me, according to the good hand of my
 9 God upon me. Then I came to the pashaws beyond the river, and
 gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent captains of the
 10 army and horsemen with me. When Sanballat the Horonite, and
 Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, heard *of it*, it grieved them ex-
 ceedingly that there was come a man to seek the welfare of the chil-
 11 dren of Israel. So I came to Jerusalem, and was there three days.

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12 And I arose in the night, I and some few men with me ; neither told I *any* man what my God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem : neither *was there any* beast with me, save the beast that I rode upon.

13 And I went out by night by the gate of the valley, even before the dragon¹ well, and to the dung gate, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem, which were broken down, and the gates thereof were consumed with

14 fire. Then I went on to the gate of the fountain, and to the king's pool : but *there was* no place for the beast *that was* under me to

15 pass. Then went I up in the night by the brook, and viewed the wall, and turned back, and entered by the gate of the valley, and so

16 returned. And the rulers knew not whither I went, or what I did ; neither had I as yet told *it* to the Jews, nor to the priests, nor to the

17 nobles, nor to the rulers, nor to the rest that did the work. Then said I unto them, Ye see the distress that we *are* in, how Jerusalem *lieth* waste, and the gates thereof are burned with fire : come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach.

18 Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me ; as also the king's words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands

19 for *this* good work. But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arabian, heard *it*, they laughed us to scorn, and despised us, and said, What *is* this thing

20 that ye do ? will ye rebel against the king ? Then answered I them, and said unto them, The God of heaven, he will prosper us : therefore we his servants will arise and build : but ye have no portion, nor right, nor memorial, in Jerusalem.

1 CHAP. III.—Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brethren the priests, and they built the sheep gate ; they sanctified it, and set up the doors of it, even unto the tower of Meah, they sanctified it unto

2 the tower of Hananeel. And next unto him built the men of Jericho.

3 And next to them built Zaccur the son of Imri. But the fish gate did the sons of Hassenah build, who *also* laid the beams thereof, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof.

4 And next unto them repaired Meremoth the son of Urijah, the son of Koz. And next unto them repaired Meshullam the son of Berechiah, the son of Meshezabeel. And next unto them repaired

5 Zadok, the son of Baana. And next unto them the Tekoites repaired ;

6 but their nobles put not their necks to the work of their Lord. Moreover the old gate repaired Jehoiada the son of Paseah, and Meshul-

¹ a huge creature.

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lam the son of Besodeiah ; they laid the beam thereof, and set up the
 7 doors thereof, and the locks thereof, and the bars thereof. And next
 unto them repaired Melatiah the Gibeonite, and Jadon the Mero-
 nothite, the men of Gibeon, and of Mizpah, unto the throne of the
 8 pashaw on this side the river. Next unto him repaired Uzziel the
 son of Harhaiah, of the goldsmiths. Next unto him also repaired
 Hananiah the son of *one of* the apothecaries, and they fortified Jeru-
 9 salem unto the broad wall. And next unto them repaired Rephaiah
 10 the son of Hur, the ruler of half the district of Jerusalem. And next
 unto them repaired Jedaiah the son of Harumaph, even over against
 his house. And next unto him repaired Hattush the son of Hashab-
 11 niah. Malchijah the son of Harim, and Hashub the son of Pahath-
 12 moab, repaired the other piece, and the tower of the ovens. And
 next to him repaired Shallum the son of Halohesh, the ruler of half
 13 the district of Jerusalem, he and his daughters. The valley gate re-
 paired Hanun, and the inhabitants of Zanoah ; they built it, and set
 up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof, and a
 14 thousand cubits on the wall unto the dung gate. But the dung gate
 repaired Malchiah the son of Rechab, the ruler of the district of
 Beth-haccerem ; he built it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks
 15 thereof, and the bars thereof. But the gate of the fountain repaired
 Shallun the son of Col-hozeh, the ruler of the district of Mizbah ; he
 built it, and covered it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks
 thereof, and the bars thereof, and the wall of the pool of Siloah by
 the king's garden, and unto the stairs that go down from the city of
 16 David. After him repaired Nehemiah the son of Azbuk, the ruler
 of half the district of Beth-zur, unto *the place* over against the
 sepulchres of David, and to the pool that was made, and unto the
 17 house of the heroes. After him repaired the Levites, Rehun the son
 of Bani. Next unto him repaired Nashabiah, the ruler of half the
 18 district of Keilah, in his district. After him repaired their brethren,
 Bavai the son of Henadad, the ruler of half the district of Keilah.
 19 And next to him repaired Ezer the son of Jeshua, the ruler of Miz-
 pah, another piece over against the going up to the armoury in the
 20 corner. After him Baruch the son of Zabbai earnestly repaired the
 other piece, from the corner unto the entrance of the house of Eliarhib
 21 the high priest. After him repaired Meremoth the son of Urijah the
 son of Koz another piece, from the entrance of the house of Eliashib
 22 even to the end of the house of Eliashib. And after him repaired
 23 the priests, the men of the plain. After him repaired Benjamin and
 Hashub over against their house. After him repaired Azariah the

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24 son of Maaseiah the son of Ananiah by his house. After him
 repaired Binnui the son of Henadad another piece, from the house of
 25 Azariah unto the corner even unto the turning. Palal the son of
 Uzai, over against the corner, and the tower which lieth out from the
 king's upper house, that *was* by the court of the place of custody.
 26 After him Pedaiah the son of Parosh. Moreover the temple servants
 dwelt in Ophel, unto *the place* over against the water gate towards
 27 the east, and the projecting tower. After them the Tekoites repaired
 another piece, over against the great tower, even unto the wall of
 28 Ophel. From the above horse gate repaired the priests, every one
 29 over against his house. After them repaired Zadok the son of Im-
 mer over against his house. After him repaired also Shemaiah the
 30 son of Shechaniah, the keeper of the east gate. After him repaired
 Hananiah the son of Shelemiah, and Hanun the sixth son of Zalaph,
 another piece. After him repaired Meshullam the son of Berechiah
 31 over against his chamber. After him repaired Malchiah the gold-
 smith's son unto the place of the temple servants, and of the servants,
 and of the merchants, over against the gate Miphkad, and to the
 32 attic at the turning. And between the attic at the turning unto the
 33 sheep gate repaired the goldsmiths and the merchants. But it came
 to pass, that when Sanballat heard that we built the wall, he was
 34 wroth, and took great indignation, and mocked the Jews. And
 he spake before his brethren and the force of Samaria, and said, What
 do these feeble Jews? will they be left to themselves? will they sacri-
 fice? will they make an end in a day? will they revive the stones out
 35 of the heaps of the rubbish which are burned? Now Tobiah the
 Ammonite *was* by him, and he said, Even that which they build, if a
 36 jackal go up, he shall even break down their stone wall. Hear, O
 our God; for we are despised: and turn their reproach upon their
 37 own head, and give them for a prey in the land of captivity: And
 cover not their iniquity, and let not their sin be blotted out from be-
 fore thee: for they have provoked *thee* to anger before the builders.
 38 So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the
 half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.

1 CHAP. IV.—But it came to pass, *that* when Sanballat, and Tobiah,
 and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites, heard
 that the walls of Jerusalem were made up, *and* that the breaches be-
 2 gan to be stopped, then they were very wroth, And conspired all
 of them together to come *and* to fight against Jerusalem, and to
 3 hinder it. Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a

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4 watch against them day and night, because of them. And Judah
 said, The strength of the bearers of burdens is decayed, and *there is*
 5 much rubbish; so that we are not able to build the wall. And our
 adversaries said, They shall not know, neither see, till we come in
 the midst among them, and slay them, and cause the work to cease.
 6 And it came to pass, that when the Jews who dwelt by them came,
 they said unto us ten times, From all places whence ye shall return
 7 *they will be upon us*. Therefore set I in the lower places behind the
 wall, *and* on the higher places, I even set the people after their fami-
 8 lies with their swords, their spears, and their bows. And I looked,
 and rose up, and said unto the nobles, and to the lieutenants, and to
 the rest of the people, Be ye not afraid of them: remember the Lord,
who is great and terrible, and fight for your brethren, your sons, and
 9 your daughters, your wives, and your houses. And it came to pass
 when our enemies heard that it was known unto us, and God had
 brought their counsel to nought, that we returned all of us to the wall,
 10 every one unto his work. And it came to pass from that time
 forth, *that* the half of my servants wrought in the work, and
 the other half of them held both the spears, the shields, and the
 bows, and the habergeons; and the princes *were* behind all the
 11 house of Judah. They who built on the wall, and they that bare
 burdens, with those that laded, *every one* with one of his hands wrought
 12 in the work, and with the other *hand* held the weapon. For the
 builders, every one had his sword girded by his side, and *so* built.
 13 And he that sounded the cornet *was* by me, And I said unto the
 nobles, and to the lieutenants, and to the rest of the people, The
 work *is* great and large, and we are separated upon the wall, one far
 14 from another. In what place *therefore* ye hear the sound of the
 15 cornet, resort ye thither unto us: our God shall fight for us. So we
 laboured in the work: and half of them held the spears from the
 16 rising of the morning till the stars appeared. Likewise at the same
 time said I unto the people, Let every one with his servant lodge
 within Jerusalem, that in the night they may be a watch to us, and
 17 labour on the day. So neither I, nor my brethren, nor my servants,
 nor the men of the watch who followed me, none of us put off our
 clothes, every one put them only off by the water.

1 CHAP. V.—And there was a great cry of the people and of their wives
 2 against their brethren the Jews. For there were that said, We, our
 sons, and our daughters *are* many: therefore we take up corn *for*

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3 *them*, that we may eat, and live. *Some* also there were that said, We
 4 have mortgaged our lands, vineyards, and houses, that we might take
 5 up corn, because of the famine. There were also that said, We have
 6 borrowed money for the king's tribute, *and that upon* our lands and
 7 vineyards. Yet now our flesh *is* as the flesh of our brethren, our
 8 children as their children: and, lo, we bring into bondage our sons
 9 and our daughters to be servants, and *some* of our daughters are
 10 brought under bondage *already*: neither *is it* in our power to re-
 11 deem *them*; for other men have our lands and our vineyards. And I
 12 was very angry when I heard their cry and these words. Then I
 13 consulted with myself, and I rebuked the nobles, and the lieutenants,
 14 and said unto them, Ye exact usury, every one of his brother,
 15 And I set a great assembly against them. And I said unto
 16 them, We after our ability have redeemed our brethren the
 Jews, who were sold unto the nations; and will ye even sell your
 brethren, that they shall be sold unto us? Then held they their
 peace, and found nothing *to answer*. Also I said, It is not good that
 ye do: ought ye not to walk in the fear of our God because of the
 reproach of the nations our enemies? I likewise, *and my* brethren,
 and my servants have lent them money and corn; Pray, let us leave
 off this usury. Pray, restore to them, even this day, their lands,
 their vineyards, their oliveyards, and their houses, also the hundreth
part of the money, and of the corn, the vine, and the oil, *for* which
 ye have made them loans. Then said they, We will restore *them*,
 and will require nothing of them; so will we do as thou sayest. Then
 I called the priests, and adjured them, that they should do accord-
 ing to this promise. Also I shook my lap, and said, So God
 shake out every man from his house, and from his labour, that per-
 formeth not this promise, even thus be he shaken out, and emptied.
 And all the congregation said, Amen, and praised the Eternal. And
 the people did according to this promise. Moreover from the time
 that I was appointed to be their pashaw in the land of Judah, from
 the twentieth year even unto the two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes
 the king, *that is*, twelve years, I and my brethren have not eaten the
 bread of the pashaw. But the former pashaws that *had been* before
 me were chargeable unto the people, and had taken of them bread
 and wine, beside forty shekels of silver; yea, even their servants bare
 rule over the people: but so did not I, because of the fear of God.
 Yea, also I firmly continued in the work of this wall, neither bought
 we any land: and all my servants *were* gathered thither unto the

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17 work. Moreover *there were* at my table a hundred and fifty of the
 18 Jews and lieutenants, beside those that came unto us from among the
 nations that *are* about us. Now *that* which was prepared *for me*
 daily *was* one ox *and* six choice sheep; also fowls were prepared for
 me, and once in ten days store of all sorts of wine: yet for all this
 required not I the bread of the pashaw, because the service was heavy
 19 upon this people. Remember unto me, my God, for good, all that
 I have done for this people.

1 CHAP. VI.—Now it came to pass, when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and
 Geshem the Arabian, and the rest of our enemies, heard that I had
 built the wall, and *that* there was no breach left therein—though at
 2 that time I had not set up the doors upon the gates;—That San-
 ballat and Geshem sent unto me, saying, Come, let us meet together
 in *some one of* the villages in the valley of Ono. But they thought
 3 to do me mischief. And I sent messengers unto them, saying, I *am*
 doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: wherefore should
 4 the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you? Yet they
 sent unto me four times after this sort; and I answered them after
 5 the same manner. Then sent Sanballat his servant unto me in like
 6 manner the fifth time, with an open letter in his hand; Wherein *was*
 written, It is reported among the heathen, and Gashmu saith *it, that*
 thou and the Jews think to rebel: for which cause thou buildest
 the wall, that thou mayest be their king, according to these
 7 words. And thou hast also appointed prophets to preach of thee at
 Jerusalem, saying, *There is* a king in Judah: and now shall it be
 reported to the king according to these words. Come now therefore,
 8 and let us take counsel together. Then I sent unto him, saying,
 There are no such things done as thou sayest, but thou feignest them
 9 out of thine own heart. For they all made us afraid, saying, Their
 hands shall be weakened from the work, that it be not done. Now
 10 therefore, *O God*, strengthen my hands. And I came unto the house
 of Shemaich, the son of Delaiah the son of Mehetabeel, who *was* shut
 up; and he said, Let us meet together in the house of God, within
 the temple, and let us shut the doors of the temple: for they will
 come to slay thee; yea, in the night will they come to slay thee.
 11 And I said, Should such a man as I flee? and who like me that
 should come into the temple would remain alive? I will not go in.
 12 And, lo, I perceived that God had not sent him: but that he pro-
 nounced the prophecy against me, because Tobiah and Sanballat had
 13 hired him. Therefore *was* he hired, that I should be afraid, and do

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so, and sin, and *that* they might have *matter* for an evil report, that
 14 they might revile me. My God, think thou upon Tobiah and Sanballat according to these their works, and on the prophetess Noadiah,
 15 and the rest of the prophets, that would have put me in fear. So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth *day* of the *month* Elul, in
 16 fifty and two days. And it came to pass, that when all our enemies heard *thereof*, and all the nations that *were* about us saw *these things*,
 they were much cast down in their own eyes: for they perceived that
 17 this work was wrought of our God. Moreover in those days the nobles of Judah had many letters forwarded unto Tobiah, and *the*
 18 *letters* of Tobiah came unto them. For many in Judah were his sworn associates, because he *was* the son-of-law of Shechaniah the son of Arah; and his son Johanan had taken the daughter of Meshul-
 19 lam the son of Berechiah. Also they reported his good deeds before me, and uttered my words to him. And Tobiah sent letters to put me in fear.

1 CHAP. VII.—Now it came to pass, when the wall was built, and I had set up the doors, and the porters and the singers and the Levites
 2 were appointed, That I gave my brother Hanani, and Hananiah the ruler of the castle, charge over Jerusalem: for he *was* a faithful man,
 3 and feared God above many. And I said unto them, Let not the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun be hot; and while they stand by, let them shut the doors, and bar *them*: and appoint watches of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, every one in his watch, and
 4 every one *to be* over against his house. Now the city *was* spacious and great: but the people *were* few therein, and the houses *were* not
 5 built. And my God put into my heart to gather together the nobles, and the lieutenants, and the people, that they might be reckoned by genealogy. And I found the register of the genealogy
 6 of them who came up at the first, and found written therein, These *are* the children of the province, that went up out of the captivity, of those that had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away, and came again to Jerusalem and to
 7 Judah, every one unto his city; Who came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Azariah, Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehum, Baanah. The number, *I say*, of the men of
 8 the people of Israel *was this*: The children of Parosh, two thousand
 9 a hundred seventy and two. The children of Shephatiah, three
 10 hundred seventy and two. The children of Arah, six hundred fifty
 11 and two. The children of Pahath-moab, of the children of Jeshua

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12 and Joab, two thousand and eight hundred *and* eighteen. The
 13 children of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four. The chil-
 14 dren of Zattu, eight hundred forty and five. The children of Zaccai,
 15 seven hundred and threescore. The children of Binnui, six hundred
 16 forty and eight. The children of Bebai, six hundred twenty and
 17 eight. The children of Azgad, two thousand three hundred twenty
 18 and two. The children of Adonikam, six hundred threescore and
 19 seven. The children of Bigvai, two thousand threescore and seven.
 20 21 The children of Addin, six hundred fifty and five. The children
 22 of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety and eight. The children of Hashum,
 23 three hundred twenty and eight. The children of Bezai, three
 24 hundred twenty and four. The children of Hariph, a hundred and
 25 26 twelve. The children of Gibeon, ninety and five. The men of
 27 Beth-lehem and Netophah, a hundred fourscore and eight. The
 28 men of Anathoth, a hundred twenty and eight. The men of Beth-
 29 azmaveth, forty and two. The men of Kirjath-jearim, Chephirah,
 30 and Becroth, seven hundred forty and three. The men of Ramah
 31 and Gaba, six hundred twenty and one. The men of Michmas, a
 32 hundred and twenty and two. The men of Beth-el and Ai, a
 33 hundred twenty and three. The men of the other Nebo, fifty and
 34 two. The children of the other Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty
 35 and four. The children of Harim, three hundred and twenty.
 36 37 The children of Jericho, three hundred forty and five. The
 children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred twenty and one.
 38 The children of Senaah, three thousand nine hundred and thirty.
 39 The priests: the children of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine
 40 hundred seventy and three. The children of Immer, a thousand fifty
 41 and two. The children of Pashur, a thousand two hundred forty and
 42 43 seven. The children of Harim, a thousand and seventeen. The
 Levites: the children of Jeshua, of Kadimel, *and* of the children of
 44 Hodevah, seventy and four. The singers: the children of Asaph, a
 45 hundred forty and eight. The porters: the children of Shallum, the
 children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the
 children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, a hundred thirty and
 46 eight. The temple servants: the children of Ziah, the children of
 47 Hashupha, the children of Tabbaoth, The children of Keros, the
 48 children of Sia, the children of Padon, The children of Lebana, the
 49 children of Hagabai, the children of Shalmai, The children of

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50 Hanan, the children of Giddel, the children of Gahar, The children
 51 of Reaiah, the children of Rezin, the children of Nekoda, The
 children of Gazzam, the children of Uzza, the children of Phaseah,
 52 Thé children of Besai, the children of Meunim, the children of
 53 Nephishesim, The children of Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha,
 54 the children of Harhur, The children of Bazlith, the children of
 55 Mehida, the children of Harsha, The children of Barkos, the chil-
 56 dren of Sisera, the children of Tamah, The children of Neziah, the
 57 children of Hatipha. The children of Solomon's servants: the
 children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of Perida,
 58 The children of Jaala, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel,
 59 The children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the children of
 60 Pochereth of Zebaim, the children of Ammon. All the temple ser-
 vants, and the children of Solomon's servants, *were* three hundred
 61 ninety and two. And these *were* they who went up *also* from Tel-
 melah, Tel-haresha, Cherub, Addon, and Immer: but they could not
 tell their father's house, nor their seed, whether they *were* of Israel.
 62 The children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of Ne-
 63 koda, six hundred forty and two. And of the priests: the children
 of Habaiah, the children of Koz, the children of Barzillai, who took
 64 *one* of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite to wife, and was called
 after their name. These sought their register *among* those that were
 reckoned by genealogy, but it was not found: therefore were they,
 65 as polluted, put from the priesthood. And the Tirshatha said unto
 them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood
 66 *up* a priest with Urim and Thummim. The whole congregation to-
 gether *was* forty and two thousand three hundred and threescore,
 67 Beside their manservants and their maidservants, of whom *there*
were seven thousand three hundred thirty and seven: and they
 had two hundred forty and five singing men and singing women.
 68 Their horses, seven hundred thirty and six: their mules, two hundred
 69 forty and five: *Their* camels, four hundred thirty and five: six
 70 thousand seven hundred and twenty asses. And some of the heads
 of the fathers gave unto the work. The Tirshatha gave to the
 treasure a thousand darics of gold, fifty basons, five hundred and
 71 thirty priests' coats. And *some* of the heads of the fathers gave to
 the treasure of the work twenty thousand darics of gold, and two
 72 thousand and two hundred pounds of silver. And *that* which the rest
 of the people gave *was* twenty thousand darics of gold, and two

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73 thousand pound of silver, and threescore and seven priests' coats. So the priests, and the Levites, and the porters, and the singers, and *some* of the people, and the temple servants, and all Israel, dwelt in their cities; and when the seventh month came, the children of Israel *were* in their cities.

1 CHAP. VIII.—And all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the broadway that *was* before the water gate: and they spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, 2 which the Eternal had commanded to Israel. And Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation both of men and women, and making all understand in hearing *it*, upon the first day of the seventh 3 month. And he read therein before the broadway that *was* before the water gate from the morning until midday, before the men and the women, and those that explained; and the ears of all the people 4 *were attentive* unto the book of the law. And Ezra the scribe stood upon a pulpit of wood, which they had made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, and Shema, and Anaiah, and Urijah, and Hilkiah, and Maaseiah, on his right hand; and on his left hand, Pedaiah, and Mishael, and Malchiah, and Hashum, and Hash- 5 badana, Zechariah, *and* Meshullam. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people; for he was above all the 6 people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up: And Ezra blessed the Eternal, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen, with lifting up their hands: and they bowed their heads, and prostrated themselves unto the Eternal 7 with *their* faces to the ground. Also Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodijah, Maseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites, caused the people to under- 8 stand the law; and the people *stood* in their place. So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and 9 caused *them* to understand the reading. And Nehemiah, who *is* the Tirshatha, and Ezra the priest the scribe, and the Levites that taught the people, said unto all the people, This day *is* holiness unto the Eternal your God; mourn not, nor weep. For all the people wept, 10 when they heard the words of the law. Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for *this* day *is* holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the Eternal 11 is your strength, So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, Hold 12 your peace, for the day *is* holy; neither be ye grieved. And all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth, because they had understood the words that

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13 were declared unto them. And on the second day were gathered together the heads of the fathers of all the people, the priests, and the Levites, unto Ezra the scribe, even to understand the words of the
 14 law. And they found written in the law which the Eternal had commanded by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in the
 15 booths in the festival of the seventh month: And that they should publish and proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth unto the mount, and fetch olive foliage, and oil tree foliage, and myrtle foliage, and palm foliage, and foliage of the tree aboth, to
 16 make booths, as *it is* written. So the people went forth, and brought *them*, and made themselves booths, every one upon the roof of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of God, and in the Broadway of the water gate, and in the Broadway of the
 17 gate of Ephraim. And all the congregation of them that were come again out of the captivity made booths, and dwelled in the booths: for since the days of Jeshua the son of Nun unto that day had not the children of Israel done so. And there was very great gladness.
 18 Also day by day, from the first day unto the last day, he read in the book of the law of God. And they kept the festival seven days; and on the eighth day *was* restriction, according unto the manner.

1 CHAP. IX.—Now in the twenty and fourth day of this month the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, and with sackclothes,
 2 and earth upon them. And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all aliens, and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities
 3 of their fathers. And they stood up in their place, and read in the book of the law of the Eternal their God *one* fourth part of the day; and *another* fourth part they confessed, and prostrated themselves
 4 unto the Eternal their God. Then stood up upon the stairs, of the Levites, Jeshua, and Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, *and* Chenani, and cried with a loud voice unto the Eternal their
 5 God. Then the Levites, Jeshua, and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabniah, Sherebiah, Hodijah, Shebaniah, *and* Pethahiah, said, Stand up *and* bless the Eternal your God for ever and ever; and let them bless thy
 6 glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise. Thou, *even* thou, *art* the Eternal alone; thou hast made the heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all *things* that *are* therein, the seas, and all that *is* therein, and thou preservest them
 7 all: and the host of the heaven worshippeth thee. Thou *art* the Eternal the God, who didst choose Abram, and broughtest him forth
 8 out of Ur Casdim, and gavest him the name of Abraham; And foundest his heart faithful before thee, and madest a covenant with

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him to give the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites,
 and the Perizzites, and the Jebusites, and the Girgashites, to give *it*,
I say, to his seed, and hast performed thy words ; for thou *art*
 9 righteous ; And didst see the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and
 10 heardest their cry by the Red sea ; And shewedst signs and wonders
 upon Pharaoh, and on all his servants, and on all the people of his
 land : for thou knewest that they dealt presumptuously against them.
 11 So didst thou get thee a name, as *it is* this day. And thou didst
 divide the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of
 the sea on the dry land ; and their persecutors thou threwest into the
 12 deeps, as a stone into mighty waters. Moreover thou leddest them
 in the day by a column of cloud ; and in the night by a column of fire,
 13 to give them light in the way wherein they should go. Thou camest
 down also upon mount Sinai, and spakest with them from heaven,
 and gavest them right judgments, and true laws, good statutes, and
 14 commandments : And madest known unto them thy holy Sabbath,
 and commandedst them precepts, statutes, and laws, by the hand of
 15 Moses thy servant : And gavest them bread from heaven for their
 hunger, and broughtest forth water for them out of the rock for their
 thirst, and promisedst them that they should go in to possess the land
 16 which thou hadst lifted up thy hand to give them. But they and our
 fathers dealt presumptuously, and hardened their necks, and hearkened
 17 not to thy commandments, And refused to obey, neither were mind-
 ful of thy wonders that thou didst among them ; but hardened their
 necks, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their
 bondage ; but thou *art* a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful,
 18 slow to anger, and of great kindness, and forsookest them not. Al-
 though they had made them a molten calf, and said, This *is* thy God
 that brought thee up out of Egypt, and had wrought great provoca-
 19 cations ; Yet thou in thy manifold mercies forsookest them not in
 the desert : the column of the cloud departed not from them by day,
 to lead them in the way ; neither the column of fire by night, to show
 20 them light, and the way wherein they should go. Thou gavest also
 thy good spirit to instruct them, and withheldest not thy manna from
 21 their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst. Yea, forty years
 didst thou sustain them in the desert, *so that* they lacked nothing ;
 22 their clothes waxed not old, and their feet swelled not, Moreover
 thou gavest them kingdoms and peoples, and didst divide them into
 corners : so they possessed the land of Sihon, and the land of the
 23 king of Heshbon, and the land of Og king of Bashan. Their
 children also multipliedst thou as the stars of heaven, and broughtest
 them into the land, concerning which thou hadst promised to their

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24 fathers, that they should go in to possess *it*. So the children went in
 and possessed the land, and thou subduedst before them the inhabit-
 ants of the land, the Canaanites, and gavest them into their hands,
 with their kings, and the peoples of the land, that they might do with
 25 them as they would. And they took strong cities, and fat ground,
 and possessed houses full of all goods, wells digged, vineyards, and
 olive trees, and fruit trees in abundance : so they did eat, and were
 filled, and became fat, and delighted themselves in thy great good-
 26 ness. Nevertheless they were disobedient, and rebelled against thee,
 and cast thy law behind their backs, and slew thy prophets who tes-
 tified against them to turn them to thee, and they wrought great
 27 provocations. Therefore thou deliveredst them into the hand of their
 enemies, who vexed them : and in the time of their trouble, when they
 cried unto thee, thou heardest *them* from heaven ; and according to
 thy manifold mercies thou gavest them saviours, who saved them out
 28 of the hand of their adversaries. But after they had rest, they did
 evil again before thee : therefore leftest thou them in the hand of
 their enemies, so that they had dominion over them : yet when they
 returned, and cried unto thee, thou heardest *them* from heaven ; and
 29 many times didst thou deliver them according to thy mercies : And
 testifiedst against them, that thou mightest bring them again unto
 thy law : yet they dealt presumptuously, and hearkened not unto thy
 commandments, but sinned against thy judgments, which, if a man
 do, he shall live in them ; and withdrew the shoulder,¹ and hardened
 30 their neck, and would not hear. Yet many years didst thou respite
 them, and testifiedst against them by thy spirit in thy prophets : yet
 would they not give ear : therefore gavest thou them into the hands
 31 of the peoples of the lands. Nevertheless for thy great mercies' sake
 thou didst not utterly consume them, nor forsake them ; for thou *art*
 32 a gracious and merciful God. Now, therefore, our God, the great,
 the mighty, and the terrible God, who keepest covenant and mercy,
 let not all the trouble seem little before thee, that hath come upon us,
 on our kings, on our princes, and on our priests, and on our prophets,
 and on our fathers, and on all thy people, since the time of the kings
 33 of Assyria unto this day. Howbeit thou *art* just in all that is come
 upon us ; for thou hast done right, but we have done wickedly :
 34 Neither have our kings, our princes, our priests, nor our fathers, kept
 thy law, nor attended unto thy commandments and thy testimonies,
 35 wherewith thou didst testify against them. For they have not served
 thee in their kingdom, and in thy great goodness that thou gavest
 them, and in the large and fat land which thou gavest before them,
 36 neither turned they from their wicked works. Behold, we *are* ser-
 vants this day, and *for* the land that thou gavest unto our fathers to

¹ gave a rebellious shoulder.

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eat the fruit thereof and the good thereof, behold, we *are* servants in
 37 it. And it yieldeth much produce unto the kings whom thou hast
 set over us because of our sins: also they have dominion over our
 bodies, and over our cattle, at their pleasure, and we *are* in great
 distress.

1 CHAP. X.—And with all this we make a sure *covenant*, and write *it*;
 and our princes, Levites, *and* priests, are upon the sealed *writing*.
 2 Now upon the sealed *writing were*, Nehemiah, the Tishatha, the son
 3 4 of Hachaliah, and Zidkijah, Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah, Pashur,
 5 6 Amariah, Malchijah, Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch, Harim,
 7 8 Meremoth, Obadiah, Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch, Meshullam,
 9 Abijah, Mijamin, Maaziah, Bilgai, Shemaiah: these *were* the
 10 priests. And the Levites: both Jeshua the son of Azaniah, Binnui,
 11 of the sons of Henadad, Kadmiel; And their brethren, Shebaniah,
 12 Hodijah, Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan, Micha, Rehob, Hashabiah,
 13 14 15 Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah, Hodijah, Bani, Beninu. The
 heads of the people; Parosh, Pahath-moab, Elam, Zattu, Bani,
 16 17 18 Bunni, Azgad, Bebai, Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin, Ater, Hiz-
 19 20 kijah, Azzur, Hodijah, Hashum, Bezai, Hariph, Anathoth,
 21 22 Nebai, Magpiash, Meshullam, Hazir, Meshezabeel, Zadok,
 23 24 Jaddua, Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah, Hoshea, Hananiah, Hashub,
 25 26 Hallohesh, Pileha, Shobek, Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah.
 27 28 29 And Ahijah, Hanan, Anan, Malluch, Harim, Baanah. And
 the rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the porters, the
 singers, the temple servants, and all they that had separated them-
 selves from the peoples of the lands unto the law of God, their wives,
 their sons, and their daughters, every one having knowledge, and
 30 having understanding; They held fast to their brethren, their nobles,
 and entered into a curse, and into an oath, to walk in God's law,
 which was given by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and
 do all the commandments of the Eternal our Lord, and his judgments
 31 and his statutes; And that we would not give our daughters unto
 32 the people of the land, nor take their daughters for our sons: And
if the peoples of the land bring the ware or any victuals on the Sab-
 bath day to sell, *that* we would not buy it of them on the Sabbath, or
 on the holy day: and *that* we would leave the seventh year, and the
 33 loan by every hand. Also we made ordinances for us, to charge our-
 selves yearly with the third part of a shekel for the service of the
 34 house of our God; For the shewbread, and for the perpetual obla-
 tion, and for the perpetual burnt offering, of the Sabbaths, of the new
 moons, for the appointed festivals, and for the holy *things*, and for
 the sin offerings to make an expiation for Israel, and *for* all the work

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35 of the house of our God. And we cast the lots among the priests,
 the Levites, and the people, for the wood offering, to bring *it* into the
 house of our God, after the houses of our fathers, at times appointed
 year by year, to burn upon the altar of the Eternal our God, as *it is*
 36 written in the law; And to bring the firstfruits of our ground, and
 the firstfruits of all fruit of all trees, year by year, unto the house of
 37 the Eternal. Also the firstborn of our sons, and of our beasts, as *it*
is written in the law, and the firstlings of our herds and of our flocks,
 to bring to the house of our God, unto the priests that minister in
 38 the house of our God: And *that* we should bring the firstfruits of
 our kneading-troughs, and our heave offerings, and the fruit of all
 manner of trees, of wine and of oil, unto the priests, to the chambers
 of the house of our God; and the tithes of our ground unto the Le-
 vites, that the same Levites might have the tithes in all the cities of
 39 our tillage. And the priest the son of Aaron shall be with the Levites
 when the Levites take tithes: and the Levites shall bring up the
 tithe of the tithes unto the house of our God, to the chambers, into
 40 the treasure house. For the children of Israel and the children of
 Levi shall bring the heave offering of the corn, of the new wine, and
 the oil, unto the chambers, where *are* the vessels of the sanctuary,
 and the priests that minister, and the porters, and the singers: and
 we will not forsake the house of our God.

1 CHAP. XI.—And the princes of the people dwelt at Jerusalem: the
 rest of the people also cast lots, to bring one of ten to dwell in Jeru-
 2 salem the holy city, and nine parts *to dwell* in other cities. And the
 people blessed all the men, that willingly offered themselves to dwell
 3 at Jerusalem. Now these *are* the heads of the province that dwelt
 in Jerusalem: but in the cities of Judah dwelt every one in his pos-
 session in their cities, *to wit*, Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and
 4 the temple servants, and the children of Solomon's servants. And
 at Jerusalem dwelt *certain* of the children of Judah, and of the chil-
 dren of Benjamin. Of the children of Judah; Athaiah the son of
 Uzziah, the son of Zechariah, the son of Amariah, the son of Shepha-
 5 tiah, the son of Mahalaleel, the children of Perez; And Maaseiah
 the son of Baruch, the son of Col-hozeh, the son of Hazaiah, the son
 of Adaiah, the son of Joarib, the son of Zechariah, the son of Shiloni.
 6 All the sons of Perez that dwelt at Jerusalem *were* four hundred
 7 threescore and eight valiant men. And these *are* the sons of Ben-
 jamin; Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Joed, the son of Pe-
 daiah, the son of Kolaiah, the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ithiel, the

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8 son of Jesaiah. And after him Gabbai, Sallai, nine hundred twenty
 9 and eight. And Joel the son of Zichri *was* their overseer : and Judah
 10 the son of Senuah *was* second over the city. Of the priests : Je-
 11 daiah the son of Joiarib, Jachin. Seraiah the son of Hilkiyah, the
 son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of
 12 Ahitub, *was* the ruler of the house of God. And their brethren that
 did the work of the house *were* eight hundred twenty and two : and
 Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pelaliah, the son of Amzi,
 13 the son of Zechariah, the son of Pashur, the son of Malchiah, And
 his brethren, heads of the fathers, two hundred forty and two : and
 Amashai the son of Azareel, the son of Ahasai, the son of Meshille-
 14 moth, the son of Immea, And their brethren, mighty men of valour,
 a hundred twenty and eight : and their overseer *was* Zabdiel, the son
 15 of Hagdolim. Also of the Levites : Shemaiah the son of Hashub,
 16 the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Bunni ; And
 Shabbethai and Jozabad, of the heads of the Levites, *had* the over-
 17 sight of the outward business of the house of God. And Mattaniah
 the son of Micha, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, *was* the prin-
 cipal to begin the thanksgiving in the prayer : and Bakbukiah the
 second among his brethren, and Abda the son of Shammuah, the son
 18 of Galal, the son of Jeduthun. All the Levites in the holy city *were*
 19 two hundred fourscore and four. Moreover the porters, Akkub,
 Talmon, and their brethren that kept the gates, *were* a hundred
 20 seventy and two. And the residue of Israel, of the priests, *and* the
 Levites, *were* in all the cities of Judah, every one in his inheritance.
 21 But the temple servants dwelt in Ophel : and Ziha and Gispa *were*
 22 over the temple servants. The overseer also of the Levites at Jeru-
 salem *was* Uzzi the son of Bani, the son of Hashabiah, the son of
 Mattaniah, the son of Micha. Of the sons of Asaph, the singers
 23 *were* over the business of the house of God. For *it was* the king's
 commandment concerning them, that a fixed allowance should be for
 24 the singers, due for every day. And Pethahiah the son of Mesheza-
 beel, of the children of Zerah the son of Judah, *was* at the king's
 25 hand in all matters concerning the people. And for the villages,¹
 with their fields, *some* of the children of Judah dwelt at Kirjath-
 arba, and *in* the villages² thereof, and at Dibon and *in* the
 villages² thereof, and at Jekabzeel, and *in* the villages² thereof,
 26 27 And at Jeshua, and at Moladah, and at Beth-phelet. And
 at Hazar-shual, and at Beesheba, and *in* the villages² thereof.
 28 And at Ziklag, and the Mekonah, and *in* the villages² thereof.
 29 30 And at En-rimmon, and at Zareah, and at Jarmuth, Zanoah,
 Adullam, and *in* their villages,² at Lachish, and the fields thereof, at
 Azekah, and *in* the villages² thereof. And they were encamped from
 31 Beer-sheba unto the valley of Hinnom. The children also of Ben-
 jamin from Geba *dwelt* at Michmash, and Aija, and Beth-el, and *in*
 32 33 their villages,² And at Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah, Hazor, Ramah,

¹ enclosures.

² daughters.

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34 35 Gittaim, Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat, Lod, and Ono, the valley of
36 craftsmen. And of the Levites *were* divisions *in* Judah, *and* in Benjamin.

1 CHAP. XII.—Now these *are* the priests and the Levites that went up
with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua : Seraiah, Jeremiah,
2 3 Ezra, Amariah, Malluch, Hattush, Shechaniah, Rehum, Mere-
4 5 moth, Iddo, Ginnetho, Abijah, Miamin, Maadiah, Bilgah,
6 7 Shemaiah, and Joiarib, Jedaiah, Sallu, Amok, Hilkiash, Jedaiah.
These *were* the heads of the priests and of their brethren in the days
8 of Jeshua. Moreover the Levites : Jeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Shere-
biah, Judah, *and* Mattaniah, *who was* over the thanksgiving, he and
9 his brethren. Also Bakkukiah and Unni, their brethren, *were* over
10 against them in the watches. And Jeshua begat Joiakim, Joiakim
11 also begat Eliashib, and Eliashib begat Joiada, And Joiada begat
12 Jonathan, and Jonathan begat Jaddua. And in the days of Joiakim
were priests, the heads of the fathers ; of Seraiah, Meraiah ; of Jere-
13 miah, Hananiah ; Of Ezra, Meshullam ; of Amariah, Jehohanan ;
14 15 Of Melicu, Jonathan ; of Shebaniah, Joseph ; Of Harim, Adna ;
16 of Meraioth, Helkai ; Of Iddo, Zechariah ; of Ginnethon, Meshul-
17 18 lam ; Of Abijah, Zichri ; of Miniamin, of Moadiah, Piltai ; Of
19 Bilgah, Shammua ; of Shemaiah, Jehonathan ; And of Joiarib,
20 Mattenai ; of Jedaiah, Uzzi ; Of Sallai, Kallai ; of Amok, Eber ;
21 22 Of Hilkiash, Hashabiah ; of Jedaiah, Nethaneel. The Levites in
the days of Eliashib, Joiada, and Johanan, and Jaddua, *were* recorded
heads of the fathers : also the priests, to the reign of Darius the
23 Persian. The sons of Levi, the heads of the fathers, *were* written in
the book of the chronicles, even until the days of Johanan the son of
24 Eliashib. And the heads of the Levites : Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and
Jeshua the son of Kadmiel, with their brethren over against them, to
praise *and* to give thanks, according to the commandment of David
25 the man of God, ward over against ward. Mattaniah, and Bakkukiah,
Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, Akkub, *were* porters keeping the
26 ward at the thresholds of the gates. These *were* in the days of Joia-
kim the son of Jeshua, the son of Jozadak, and in the days of Nehe-
27 miah the pashaw, and of Ezra the priest, the scribe. And at the de-
dication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought the Levites out of all
their places, to bring them to Jerusalem, to keep the dedication with
gladness, both with thanksgivings, and with singing, *with* cymbals,

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28 psalteries, and with harps. And the sons of the singers gathered
 themselves together, both out of the district round about Jerusalem,
 29 and from the villages¹ of Netophathi; Also from the house of Gilgal,
 and out of the fields of Geba and Azmaveth: for the singers had built
 30 them villages¹ round about Jerusalem. And the priests and the Levites
 purified themselves, and purified the people, and the gates, and the
 31 wall. Then I brought up the princes of Judah upon the wall, and
 appointed two great *companies of them that gave* thanks, and a pro-
 32 cession on the right hand upon the wall towards the dung gate: And
 33 after them went Hoshiah, and half of the princes of Judah. And
 34 Azariah, Ezra, and Meshullam, Judah, and Benjamin, and She-
 35 maiah, and Jeremiah, And *certain* of the priests' sons with trumpets;
namely, Zechariah the son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son
 of Mattaniah, the son of Michaiah, the son of Zaccur, the son of
 36 Asaph: And his brethren, Shemaiah, and Azarael, Milalai, Gilalai,
 Maai, Nethaneel, and Judah, Hanani, with the musical instruments
 37 of David the man of God, and Ezra the scribe before them. And at
 the fountain gate, which was over against them, they went up by the
 stairs of the city of David, at the going up of the wall, above the
 38 house of David, even unto the watergate eastward. And the other
company of them that gave thanks went over against *them*, and I
 after them, and the half of the people upon the wall, from beyond
 39 the tower of the furnaces even unto the broad wall; And from above
 the gate of Ephraim, and above the old gate, and above the fish gate,
 and the tower of Hananeel, and the tower of Meah, even unto the
 40 sheep gate: and they stood still in the custody gate. So stood the
 two *companies of them that gave* thanks in the house of God, and I,
 41 and half of the lieutenants with me: And the priests; Eliakim,
 Maaseiah, Miniamin, Michaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah, *and* Hananiah,
 42 with trumpets; And Maaseiah, and Shemaiah, and Eleazar, and
 Uzzi, and Jehohanan, and Malchijah, and Elam, and Ezer. And
 43 the singers sang loud, with Jezrahiah *their* overseer. Also that day
 they offered great sacrifices, and rejoiced: for God had made them
 rejoice with great joy: the wives also and the children rejoiced: so
 44 that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar off. And at that time
 were some appointed over the chambers for the treasures, for the
 heave-offerings, for the firstfruits, and for the tithes, to gather into
 them out of the fields of the cities the portions of the law for the
 priests and Levites: for Judah rejoiced for the priests and for the
 45 Levites that stood *there*. And both the singers and the porters
 kept the ward of their God, and the ward of the purification, accord-
 46 ing to the commandment of David, *and* of Solomon his son. For

¹ enclosures.

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in the days of David and Asaph of old *there were* heads of the
 47 singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving unto God. And all
 Israel in the days of Zerubbabel, and in the days of Nehemiah, gave
 the portions of the singers and the porters, every day his portion :
 and they sanctified *holy things* unto the Levites ; and the Levites
 sanctified *them* unto the children of Aaron.

1 CHAP. XIII.—On that day they read in the book of Moses in the
 audience of the people ; and therein was found written, that an Am-
 monite and Moabite should not come into the congregation of God
 2 for ever ; Because they met not the children of Israel with bread
 and with water, but hired Balaam against them, that he should curse
 3 them : howbeit our God turned the curse into a blessing. Now it
 came to pass, when they had heard the law, that they separated from
 4 Israel all the mixed multitude. And before this, Eliashib the priest,
 placed in a chamber of the house of our God, *was* allied unto Tobiah :
 5 And he had prepared for him a great chamber, where aforetime they
 laid the oblations, the frankincense, and the vessels, and the tithes of
 the corn, the new wine, and the oil, which was commanded *to be*
given to the Levites, and the singers, and the porters ; and the heave
 6 offerings of the priests. But in all this *time* was not I at Jerusalem : for
 in the two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon came I
 unto the king, and after certain days obtained I leave of the king :
 7 And I came to Jerusalem, and understood of the evil that Eliashib
 did for Tobiah, in preparing him a chamber in the courts of the house
 8 of God. And it grieved me sore : therefore I cast forth all the
 9 household stuff of Tobiah out of the chamber. Then I said, and
 they cleansed the chambers : and thither brought I again the vessels
 10 of the house of God, with the oblation and the frankincense. And I
 perceived that the portions of the Levites had not been given *them* :
 for the Levites and the singers, that did the work, were fled every
 11 one to his field. Then contended I with the lieutenants and said,
 Why is the house of God forsaken ? And I gathered them together,
 12 and set them in their place. Then brought all Judah the tithe of the
 13 corn and the new wine and the oil unto the treasuries. And I made
 treasurers over the treasuries, Shelemiah the priest, and Zadok the
 scribe, and of the Levites, Pedaiah : and next to them *was* Hanan
 the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah : for they were counted faith-
 14 ful, and their office *was* to distribute unto their brethren. Remember
 me, O my God, concerning this, and wipe not out my good deeds
 that I have done for the house of my God, and for the offices thereof.
 15 In those days saw I in Judah *some* treading wine presses on the Sab-
 bath, and bringing in sheaves, and lading asses ; as also wine, grapes

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and figs, and all *manner* of burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the Sabbath day: and I testified *against them* in the day wherein
16 they sold victuals.¹ And the Tyrians dwelling in it brought fish, and all manner of ware, and sold on the Sabbath unto the children of Judah,
17 and in Jerusalem. Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said unto them, What evil thing *is* this that ye do, and profane the
18 Sabbath day? Did not your fathers thus? and our God brought all this evil upon us, and upon this city; yet ye bring more wrath upon
19 Israel by profaning the Sabbath. And it came to pass, that when the gates of Jerusalem began to be dark before the Sabbath, I said that the gates should be shut, and said that they should not be opened till after the Sabbath: and *some* of my servants set I at the gates, *that*
20 there should no burden be brought in on the Sabbath day. So the merchants and sellers of all kind of ware lodged without Jerusalem
21 once or twice. Then I testified against them, and said unto them, Why lodge ye about the wall? if ye do *so* again, I will lay hands on
22 you. From that time forth came they no *more* on the Sabbath. And I said to the Levites that they should cleanse themselves, and *that* they should come *and* keep the gates, to sanctify the Sabbath day. Remember me, O my God, *concerning* this also, and spare me according to the greatness of thy mercy. In those days also saw I Jews
23 *that* had married wives of Ashdod, of Ammon, and of Moab: And their children spake half in the speech of Ashdod, and could not
24 speak in the Jews' language, but according to the language of each
25 people. And I contended with them, and cursed them, and smote certain of them, and plucked off their hair, and adjured them by God, *saying*, If ye give your daughters unto their sons, and take their
26 daughters unto your sons, or for yourselves Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? yet among many nations was there no king like him, who was beloved of his God, and God made him king over all Israel: nevertheless even him did alien women
27 cause to sin. Shall we then hearken unto you to do all this great evil, to transgress against our God in marrying alien wives? And *one* of the sons of Joiada, the son of Eliashib the high priest, *was* son in law to Sanballat the Horonite: therefore I chased him from me.
29 Remember them, O my God, because they have defiled the priest-
30 hood, and the covenant of the priesthood, and of the Levites. Thus

¹ venison.

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cleansed I them from all aliens, and appointed wards of the priests
31 and the Levites, every one in his business. And for the wood offering, at times appointed, and for the firstfruits. Remember me, O my God, for good.

THE FIRST BOOK OF THE CHRONICLES.

1 2 CHAP. I.—Adam, Sheth, Enosh, Kenan, Mahalaleel, Jered,
3 4 Henoch, Methuselah, Lamech, Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.
5 The sons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan,
6 and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras. And the sons of Gomer;
7 Ashchenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah. And the sons of Javan;
8 Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim. The sons of Ham;
9 Cush, and Mizraim, Put, and Canaan. And the sons of Cush; Seba,
and Havilah, and Sabta, and Raamah, and Sabtecha. And the sons
10 of Ramah: Sheba, and Dedan. And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to
11 be mighty upon the earth. And Mizraim begat Ludim, and Ananim,
12 and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim, And Pathrusim, and Casluhim, of
13 whom came the Philistines, and Caphthorim. And Canaan begat
14 Zidon his firstborn, and Heth, The Jebusite also, and the Amorite,
15 and the Girgashite, And the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite,

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16 17 And the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite. The
 sons of Shem; Elam, and Asshur, and Arphaxad, and Lud, and
 18 Aram, and Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Meshech. And Arphaxad
 19 begat Shelah, and Shelah begat Eber. And unto Eber were born
 two sons: the name of the one *was* Peleg; because in his days the
 20 earth was divided: and his brother's name *was* Joktan. And Joktan
 21 begat Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah, Hadoram
 22 also, and Uzol, and Diklah, And Ebal, and Abimael, and Sheba,
 23 And Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab. All these *were* the sons of
 24 25 26 Joktan. Shem, Arphaxad, Shelah, Eber, Peleg, Reu, Serug,
 27 28 Nahor, Terah, Abram; the same is Abraham. The sons of
 29 Abraham; Isaac, and Ishmael. These *are* their generations: The
 firstborn of Ishmael, Nebaioth; then Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mib-
 30 31 sam. Mishma, and Dumah, Massa, Hadad, and Tema, Jetur,
 32 Naphish, and Kedemah. These are the sons of Ishmael. Now the sons
 of Keturah, Abraham's concubine: she bare Zimran, and Jokshan,
 and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah. And the sons of
 33 Jokshan; Sheba, and Dedan. And the sons of Midian; Ephah, and
 Ephher, and Henoah, and Abida, and Eldaah. All these *are* the sons
 34 of Keturah. And Abraham begat Isaac. The sons of Isaac; Esau
 35 and Israel. The sons of Esau; Eliphaz, Reuel, and Jeush, and Jaa-
 36 lam, and Korah. The sons of Eliphaz; Teman, and Omat, Zephi,
 37 and Gatam, Kenaz, and Timna, and Amalek. The sons of Reuel;
 38 Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah. And the sons of Seir;
 Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah, and Dishon, and Ezar,
 39 and Dishan. And the sons of Lotan; Hori, and Homam: and Timna
 40 *was* Lotan's sister. The sons of Shobal; Alian, and Manahath, and
 Ebal, Shephi, and Onam. And the sons of Zibeon; Aiah, and Anah.
 41 The sons of Anah; Dishon. And the sons of Dishon; Amram, and
 42 Eshban, and Ithran, and Cheran. The sons of Ezer; Bilhan, and
 43 Zavan, *and* Jakan. The sons of Dishan; Uz, and Aran. Now these
are the kings that reigned in the land of Edom before *any* king
 reigned over the children of Israel; Bela the son of Beor: and the
 44 name of his city *was* Dinhabah. And when Bela was dead, Jobab
 45 the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his stead. And when Jobab
 was dead, Husham of the land of the Temanites reigned in his
 46 stead. And when Husham was dead, Hadad the son of Bedad,

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who smote Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his stead: and the
47 name of his city *was* Avith. And when Hadad was dead, Samlah
48 of Masrekah reigned in his stead. And when Samlah was dead,
49 Shaul of Rehoboth by the river reigned in his stead. And when
Shaul was dead, Baal-hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his stead.
50 And when Baal-hanan was dead, Hadad reigned in his stead: and
the name of his city was Pai; and his wife's name *was* Mehetabel,
51 the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab. Hadad died
also. And the chieftains of Edom were: chieftain Timnah, chieftain
52 Aliah, chieftain Jetheth, Chieftain Aholibamah, chieftain Elah,
53 chieftain Pinon, Chieftain Kenaz, chieftain Teman, chieftain Mibzar
54 Chieftain Magdiel, chieftain Iram. These *are* the chieftains of
Edom.

1 CHAP. II.—These *are* the sons of Israel; Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and
2 Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun, Dan, Joseph, and Benjamin, Naphtali,
3 Gad, and Asher. The sons of Judah; Er, and Onan, and
Shelah: *which* three were born unto him of the daughter of Shua
the Canaanitess. And Er, the firstborn of Judah, was evil in the
4 sight of the Eternal; and he slew him. And Tamar his daughter in
law bare him Pharez and Zerah. All the sons of Judah *were* five.
5 6 The sons of Pharez; Hezron, and Hamul. And the sons of
Zerah; Zimri, and Ethan, and Heman, and Calcol, and Dara: five
7 of them in all. And the sons of Carmi; Achar, the troubler of
8 Israel, who transgressed in the thing doomed. And the sons of
9 Ethan; Azariah. The sons also of Hezron, that were born unto
10 him; Jerahmeel, and Ram, and Chelubai. And Ram begat Amminadab;
and Amminadab begat Nahshon, prince of the children
11 of Judah; and Nahshon begat Salma, and Salma begat Boaz,
12 13 and Boaz begat Obed, and Obed begat Jesse, And Jesse
begat his firstborn Eliab, and Abinadab the second, and Shimma the
14 15 third, Nethaneel the fourth, Raddai the fifth, Ozem the sixth,
16 David the seventh; Whose sisters *were* Zeruiah, and Abigail. And
17 the sons of Zeruiah; Abishai, and Joab, and Asahel, three. And
Abigail bare Amasa: and the father of Amasa *was* Jether the Ish-
18 meelite. And Caleb the son of Hezron begat *children* of Azubah
his wife, and of Jerioth: her sons *are* these; Jeshur, and Shobab,
19 and Ardon. And when Azubah was dead, Caleb took unto him
20 Ephrath, who bare him Hur. And Hur begat Uri, and Uri begat
21 Bezaleel. And afterwards Hezron went in to the daughter of Machir

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the father of Gilead, whom he married when he *was* threescore years
22 old; and she bare him Segub. And Segub begat Jair, who had
23 three and twenty cities in the land of Gilead. And he took Geshur,
and Aram, with the towns of Jair from them, with Kenath, and the
towns thereof, *even* threescore cities. All these *belonged* to the sons
24 of Machir, the father of Gilead. And after that Hezron was dead in
Caleb-ephatah, then Abiah, Hezron's wife, bare him Ashur the
25 father of Tekoa. And the sons of Jerahmeel the firstborn of Hezron
were, Ram the firstborn, and Bunah, and Oren, and Ozem, *and*
26 Ahijah. Jerahmeel had also another wife, whose name *was* Atarah;
27 she *was* the mother of Onam. And the sons of Ram the firstborn of
28 Jerahmeel were Maaz, and Jamin, and Eker. And the sons of Onam
were Shammai, and Jada. And the sons of Shammai; Nadab, and
29 Abishur. And the name of the wife of Abishur *was* Abihail, and she
30 bare him Ahban, and Molid. And the sons of Nadab; Seled, and
31 Appaim: but Seled died without children. And the sons of Appaim;
Ishi. And the sons of Ishi; Sheshan. And the children of She-
32 shan; Ahlai. And the sons of Jada the brother of Shammai;
33 Jether and Jonathan: and Jether died without children. And the
sons of Jonathan; Peleth and Zaza. These were the sons of Jerah-
34 meel. Now Sheshan had no sons, but daughters. And Sheshan
35 had a servant, an Egyptian, whose name *was* Jarha. And Sheshan
gave his daughter to Jarha his servant to wife; and she bare him
36 37 Attai. And Attai begat Nathan, and Nathan begat Zabad, And
38 Zabad begat Ephlal, and Ephlal begat Obed, And Obed begat
39 Jehu, and Jehu begat Azariah, And Azariah begat Helez, and
40 Helez begat Eleasah, and Eleasah begat Sisamai, and Sisamai begat
41 Shallum, And Shallum begat Jekamiah, and Jekamiah begat
42 Elishama. Now the sons of Caleb the brother of Jerahmeel *were*,
Mesha his firstborn, who *was* the father of Ziph; and the sons of
43 Mareshah the father of Hebron. And the sons of Hebron; Korah,
44 and Tappuah, and Rekem, and Shema. And Shema begat Raham,
45 the father of Jorkoam: and Rekem begat Shammai. And the son of
46 Shammai *was* Maon: and Maon *was* the father of Beth-zur. And
Ephah, Caleb's concubine, bare Haran, and Moza, and Gazez: and
47 Haran begat Gazez. And the sons of Jahdai; Regem, and Jotham,
48 and Gesham, and Pelet, and Ephah, and Shaaph. Maachah, Caleb's
49 concubine, bare Sheber, and Tirhanah. She bare also Shaaph the
father of Madmannah, Sheva the father of Machbenah, and the father

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of Machbena, and the father of Gibeab : and the daughter of Caleb *was*
50 Achsa. These were the sons of Caleb the son of Hur, the first born
51 of Ephratab ; Shobal the father of Kirjath-jearim, Salma the father
52 of Beth-lehem, Hareph the father of Beth-gader. And Shobal the
father of Kirjath-jearim had sons ; Haroeh *and* half of the Ma-
53 nahethites. And the families of Kirjath-jearim ; the Ithrites, and
the Puhites, and the Shumathites, and the Mishraites ; of them
54 came the Zareathites, and the Eshtaulites. The sons of Salma ;
Beth-lehem, and the Netophathites, Ataroth, the house of Joab, and
55 half of the Manahethites, the Zorites. And the families of the
scribes which dwelt at Jabez ; the Tirathites, the Shimeathites, *and*
Suchathites. These *are* the Kenites that came of Hemath, the father
of the house of Rechab.

1 CHAP. III.—Now these were the sons of David, who were born unto
him in Hebron ; the firstborn Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess ;
2 the second Daniel, of Abigail the Carmelitess : The third, Absalom
the son of Maachah the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur : the
3 fourth Adonijah the son of Haggith : The fifth, Shephatiah of Abital :
4 the sixth, Ithream by Eglah his wife. *These* six were born unto him
in Hebron ; and there he reigned seven years and six months : and
5 in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years. And these were born
unto him in Jerusalem ; Shimea, and Shobab, and Nathan, and
6 Solomon, four, of Bath-Shua the daughter of Ammiel : Ibhar also,
7 and Elishama, and Eliphelet, And Nogah, and Nepheg, and Ja-
8 9 phia, And Elishama, and Eliada, and Eliphelet, nine. *These*
were all the sons of David, beside the sons of the concubines, and
10 Tamar their sister. And Solomon's son *was* Rehoboam, Abia his
11 son, Asa his son, Jehoshaphat his son, Joram his son, Ahaziah his
12 son, Joash his son, Amaziah his son, Azariah his son, Jothan his
13 14 son, Ahaz his son, Hezekiah his son, Manasseh his son, Amon
15 his son, Josiah his son. And the sons of Josiah *were*, the firstborn
Johanan, the second Jehoiakim, the third Zedekiah, the fourth Sal-
16 lum. And the sons of Jehoiakim : Jeconiah his son, Zedekiah his
17 18 son. And the sons of Jeconiah ; Assir, Salathiel his son. Mal-
chiram also, and Pedaiah, and Shenazar, Jecamiah, Hoshama, and
19 Nedabiah. And the sons of Pedaiah *were*, Zerubbabel ; Meshullam,
20 and Hananiah, and Shelomith their sister : And Hushubah, and
21 Ohel, and Berechiah, and Hasadiah, Jushab-hesed, five. And the
sons of Hananiah ; Pelatiah, and Jesaiah : the sons of Rephaiah,
the sons of Arnan, the sons of Obadiah, the sons of Shechaniah.
22 And the sons of Shechaniah ; Shemaiah : and the sons of Shemaiah ;
Hattush, and Igeal, and Bariah, and Neariah, and Shaphat, six.

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23 And the sons of Neariah ; Elieoenai, and Hezekiah, and Azrikam,
 24 three. And the sons of Elieoenai *were*, Hodaiah, and Eliashib, and
 Pelaiah, and Akkub, and Johanan, and Dalaiah, and Anani, seven.

1 CHAP. IV.—The sons of Judah ; Pharez, Hezron, and Carmi, and
 2 Hur, and Shobal. And Reaiah the son of Shobal begat Jahath ; and
 Jahath begat Ahumai, and Lahad. These *are* the families of the
 3 Zorathites. And these *were of* the father of Etam ; Jezreel, and
 Ishma, and Idbash : and the name of their sister *was* Hazelelponi :
 4 And Penuel the father of Gedor, and Ezer the father of Hushah.
 These *are* the sons of Hur, the firstborn of Ephratah, the father of
 5 Beth-lehem. And Ashur the father of Tekoa had two wives, Helah
 6 and Naarah. And Naarah bare him Ahuzam, and Hephher, and
 7 Temeni, and Haahashtari. These *were* the sons of Naarah. And the
 8 sons of Helah *were*, Zereth, and Jezoar, and Ethnan. And Coz begat
 Anub, and Zobebah, and the families of Aharhel the son of Harum.
 9 And Jabez was more honourable than his brethren : and his mother
 10 called his name Jabez, saying, Because I bare him with sorrow. And
 Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, O that thou wouldest bless
 me indeed, and enlarge my boundary, and that thy hand might be
 with me, and that thou wouldest keep *me* from evil, that it may not
 11 grieve me ! And God granted him that which he requested. And
 Chelub the brother of Shuah begat Mehir, who *was* the father of
 12 Eshton. And Eshton begat Beth-rapha, and Paseah, and Tehinnah
 13 the father of Ir-nahash. These *are* the men of Rechah. And the
 sons of Kenaz ; Othniel, and Seraiah : and the sons of Othniel ;
 14 Hathath. And Meonothai begat Ophrah : and Seraiah begat Joab
 the father of the valley of craftsmen, for they were craftsmen.
 15 And the sons of Caleb the son of Jephunneh ; Iru, Elah,
 16 and Naam : and the sons of Elah, even Kenaz. And the sons
 17 of Jehaleleel ; Ziph, and Ziphah, Tiria, and Asareel. And the
 sons of Ezra *were*, Jether, and Mered, and Ephher, and Jalon :
 and she bare Miriam, and Shammai, and Ishbah the father of
 18 Eshtemoa. And his wife Jehudijah bare Jered the father of
 Gedor, and Heber the father of Socho, and Jekuthiel the father of
 Zanoah. And these *are* the sons of Bithiah the daughter of Pharaoh,
 19 whom Mered took. And the sons of *his* wife Hodiah the sister of
 Naham, the father of Keilah the Garmite, the Eshtemoa and Maacha-
 20 thite. And the sons of Shimon *were*, Amnon, and Rinnah, Ben-
 hanan, and Tilon. And the sons of Ishi *were*, Zoheth, and Ben-
 21 zoheth. The sons of Shelah the son of Judah *were*, Er the father of

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Lecah, and Laadah the father of Maresah, and the families of the
 22 house of them that wrought fine linen, of the house of Ashbea, And
 Jokim, and the men of Chozeba, and Joash, and Saraph, who owned
property in Moab, and Jashubi-lehem. And *these are* ancient things.
 23 These *were* the potters, and those that dwelt among plants and
 24 hedges: there they dwelt with the king for his work. The sons of
 25 Simeon *were*, Nemuel, and Jamin, Jarib, Zerah, and Shaul: Shal-
 26 lum his son, Mibsam his son, Mishina his son. And the sons of
 27 Mishma; Hamuel his son, Zacchur his son, Shimei his son. And
 Shimei had sixteen sons and six daughters; but his brethren had not
 many children, neither did all their family multiply, like the children
 28 of Judah. And they dwelt at Beer-sheba, and Moladah, and
 29 30 Hazar-shual, And at Bilhah, and at Ezem, and at Tolad, And
 31 at Bethuel, and at Hormah, and at Ziklag, And at Beth-marcaboth,
 and Hazar-susim, and at Beth-birei, and at Shaaraim. These *were*
 32 their cities unto the reign of David. And their villages¹ *were*, Etam,
 33 and Ain, Rimmon, and Tochen, and Asham, five cities: And all
 their villages¹ that *were* round about the same cities, unto Baal.
 34 These *were* their habitations, and their genealogy. And Meshobab,
 35 and Jamlech, and Joshah the son of Amaziah, And Joel, and Jehu
 36 the son of Josibiah, the son of Seraiah, the son of Asiel, And
 Elioenai, and Jaakobah, and Jeshoah, and Asaiah, and Adiel, and
 37 Jesimiel, and Benaiah, And Ziza the son of Shiphi, the son of Allon,
 38 the son of Jedaiah, the son of Shimri, the son of Shemaiah; These
 mentioned by *their* names *were* princes in their families: and the
 39 house of their fathers increased greatly. And they went to the
 entrance of Gedor, *even* unto the east side of the valley, to seek pas-
 40 tures for their flocks. And they found fat pasture and good, and the
 land *was* wide, and quiet, and peaceable; for *they* of Ham had dwelt
 41 there of old. And these written by name came in the days of Heze-
 kiah king of Judah, and smote their tents, and the habitations that
 were found there, and destroyed them utterly unto this day, and dwelt
 in their rooms: because *there was* pasture there for their flocks.
 42 And *some* of them, *even* of the sons of Simeon, five hundred men,
 43 and Rephaiah, and Uzziel, the sons of Ishi. And they smote the
 rest of the Amalekites that were escaped, and dwelt there unto this
 day.

1 CHAP. V.—Now the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel, for he *was*
 the firstborn; but, forasmuch as he defiled his father's bed, his birth-
 right was given unto the sons of Joseph the son of Israel: and the

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2 genealogy is not to be reckoned after the birthright. For Judah prevailed above his brethren, and of him *came* the leader ; but the
3 birthright *was* Joseph's : The sons, *I say*, of Reuben the firstborn
4 of Israel *were*, Hanoah, and Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi. The sons of
5 Joel ; Shemaiah his son, Gog his son, Shimei his son, Micah his
6 son, Reaia his son, Baal his son, Beerah his son, whom Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria carried away *captive* : he *was* prince of the
7 Reubenites. And his brethren by their families, when the genealogy of their generations was reckoned, *were* the chief, Jeiel, and Zechariah. And Bela the son of Azaz, the son of Shema, the son of
9 Joel, who dwelt in Aroer, even unto Nebo and Baal-meon : And eastward he inhabited unto the entering in of the desert from the river Euphrates : because their cattle were multiplied in the land of
10 Gilead. And in the days of Saul they made war with the Hagarites, who fell by their hand : and they dwelt in their tents throughout all
11 the east *land* of Gilead. And the children of Gad dwelt over against them, in the land of Bashan unto Salcah : Joel the chief, and Shapham the next, and Jaanai, and Shaphat in Bashan. And their brethren of the house of their fathers *were*, Michael, and Meshullam, and
14 Sheba, and Jorai, and Jachan, and Zia, and Heber, seven. These *are* the children of Abihail the son of Huri, the son of Jaroah, the son of Gilead, the son of Michael, the son of Jeshishai, the son of Jahdo,
15 the son of Buz ; Ahi the son of Abdiel, the son of Guni, head of the house of their fathers. And they dwelt in Gilead in Bashan, and in her towns, and in all the suburbs of Sharon, upon their borders.
17 All these were reckoned by genealogies in the days of Jotham king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam king of Israel. The sons of Reuben, and the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh, of valiant men, men able to bear buckler and sword, and to shoot with bow, and skilful in war, *were* four and forty thousand seven hundred and three-
19 score, that went out to the war. And they made war with the Hagarites, with Jetur, and Nephish, and Nodab. And they were helped against them, and the Hagarites were delivered into their hand, and all that *were* with them : for they cried to God in the battle, and he
21 was entreated of them ; because they put their trust in him. And they took away their cattle ; of their camels fifty thousand, and of sheep two hundred and fifty thousand, and of asses two thousand, and
22 of men a hundred thousand. For there fell down many slain, because the war *was* of God. And they dwelt in their steads until the captivity. And the children of the half tribe of Manasseh dwelt in the
23 land : they increased from Bashan unto Baal-hermon and Senir, and
24 unto mount Hermon. And these were the heads of the house of their fathers, even Ephraim, and Ishi, and Eliel, and Azriel, and Jeremiah,

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and Hodaviah, and Jadhiel, mighty men of valour, famous men, *and*
 25 heads of the house of their fathers. And they transgressed against
 the God of their fathers, and went a whoring after the gods of the
 26 people of the land, whom God destroyed before them. And the God
 of Israel stirred up the spirit of Pul king of Assyria, and the
 spirit of Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria, and he carried them away,
 even the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh,
 and brought them unto Halah, and Habor, and Hara, and to the
 27 river Gozan, unto this day. The sons of Levi ; Gershon, Kohath,
 28 and Merari. And the sons of Kohath ; Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and
 29 Uzziel. And the children of Amram ; Aaron, and Moses, and Miriam.
 The sons also of Aaron ; Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.
 30 31 Eleazar begat Phinehas, Phinehas begat Abishua, And Abishua
 32 begat Bukki, and Bukki begat Uzzi, And Uzzi begat Zerahiah,
 33 and Zeraiah begat Meraioth, Meraioth begat Amariah, and Amariah
 34 begat Ahitub, And Ahitub begat Zadok, and Zadok begat Ahi-
 35 maaz, And Ahimaaz begat Azariah, and Azariah begat Johanan.
 36 And Johanan begat Azariah—he *it is* that executed the priest's
 37 office in the temple that Solomon built in Jerusalem :—And Azariah
 38 begat Amariah, and Amariah begat Ahitub, And Ahitub begat
 39 Zadok, and Zadok begat Shallum, And Shallum begat Hilkiah, and
 40 Hilkiah begat Azariah, And Azariah begat Seraiah, and Seraiah
 41 begat Jehozadak, And Jehozadak went *into captivity*, when the
 Eternal carried away Judah and Jerusalem by the hand of Nebu-
 chadnezzar.

1 CHAP. VI.—The sons of Levi ; Gershom, Kohath, and Merari.
 2 And these *are* the names of the sons of Gershom ; Libnei, and
 3 Shimei. And the sons of Kohath *were* Amram, and Izhar, and
 4 Hebron, and Uzziel. The sons of Merari ; Mahli, and Mushi. And
 5 these *are* the families of the Levites according to their fathers. Of
 6 Gershom ; Libni his son, Jahath his son, Zimmah his son, Joah his
 7 son, Iddo his son, Zerah his son, Jeaterai his son. The sons of
 8 Kohath ; Amminadab his son, Korah his son, Assir his son, El-
 9 kanah his son, and Ebiasaph his son, and Assir his son, Tahath his
 10 son, Uriel his son, Uziah his son, and Shaul his son. And the sons

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11 of Elkanah; Amasai, and Ahimoth. *As for* Elkanah: the sons of
 12 Elkanah; Zophai his son, and Nahath his son, Eliab his son,
 13 Jeroham his son, Elkanah his son. And the sons of Samuel; the
 14 firstborn Vashni, and Abiah. The sons of Merari; Mahli, Libni his
 15 son, Shimei his son, Uzza his son, Shimea his son, Haggiah his son,
 16 Asaiah his son. And these *are they* whom David set over the service
 17 of song in the house of the Eternal, after that the ark had rest. And
 they ministered before the dwelling place of the appointed tent with
 singing, until Solomon had built the house of the Eternal in Jeru-
 salem: and *then* they waited on their office according to their order.
 18 And these *are they* that waited with their children. Of the sons of
 19 the Kohathites: Heman a singer, the son of Shemuel, The son of
 20 Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Eliel, the son of Toah, The
 21 son of Zuph, the son of Elkanah, the son of Mahath, the son of
 Amasai, the son of Elkanah, the son of Joel, the son of Azariah,
 22 the son of Zephaniah, The son of Tahath, the son of Assir, the son of
 23 Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, The son of Izhar, the son of Kohath,
 24 the son of Levi, the son of Israel. And his brother Asaph, who
 stood on his right hand, *even* Asaph the son of Berechiah, the son of
 25 Shimea, The son of Michael, the son of Baaseiah, the son of Mal-
 26 chiah, The son of Ethni, the son of Zerah, the son of Adaiah,
 27 28 The son of Ethan, the son of Zimniah, the son of Shimei, The
 29 son of Jahath, the son of Gershom, the son of Levi. And their
 brethren the sons of Merari *stood* on the left hand: Ethan the son of
 30 Kishi, the son of Abdi, the son of Malluch, The son of Hashabiah,
 31 the son of Amaziah, the son of Hilkiah, The son of Amzi, the son
 32 of Bani, the son of Shamer, The son of Mahli, the son of Mushi, the
 33 son of Merari, the son of Levi. Their brethren also the Levites
were appointed unto all manner of service of the dwelling of the
 34 house of God. But Aaron and his sons offered upon the altar of the
 burnt offering, and on the altar of incense, *and were appointed* for all
 the work of the *place* most holy, and to make an expiation for Israel,
 according to all that Moses the servant of God had commanded.
 35 And these *are* the sons of Aaron; Eleazar his son, Phinehas his
 36 son, Abishua his son, Bukki his son, Uzzi his son, Zerahiah his son,
 37 38 Meraioth his son, Amariah his son, Ahitub his son, Zadok his
 39 son, Ahimaaz his son. Now these *are* their dwelling places through-
 out their castles in their boundaries, of the sons of Aaron, of the fa-
 40 milies of the Kohathites: for their's was the lot. And they gave
 them Hebron in the land of Judah, and the suburbs thereof round
 41 about it. But the fields of the city, and the villages¹ thereof, they
 42 gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh. And to the sons of Aaron they
 gave the cities of Judah, *namely*, Hebron, *the city* of refuge, and Lib-
 nah with her suburbs, and Jatir, and Eshtemoa, with their suburbs.

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43 44 And Hilen with her suburbs, Debir with her suburbs, And
45 Ashan with her suburbs, and Beth-shemesh with her suburbs: And
out of the tribe of Benjamin; Geba with her suburbs, and Alemeth
with her suburbs, and Anathoth with her suburbs. All their cities
46 throughout their families *were* thirteen cities. And unto the sons of
Kohath, *who were* left of the family of that tribe, *were cities given*
out of the half tribe, *namely, out of* the half tribe of Manasseh, by
47 lot, ten cities. And to the sons of Gershom throughout their families
out of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of
the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the tribe of Manasseh in Bashan,
48 thirteen cities. Unto the sons of Merari *were given* by lot, through-
out their families, out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of
49 Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities. And the children
50 of Israel gave to the Levites *these* cities with their suburbs. And
they gave by lot of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the
tribe of the children of Simeon, and out of the tribe of the children
51 of Benjamin, these cities, which are called by *their* names. And *the*
residue of the families of the sons of Kohath had cities of their boun-
52 daries out of the tribe of Ephraim. And they gave unto them, *of the*
cities of refuge, Shechem in mount Ephraim with her suburbs; *they*
53 *gave* also Gezer with her suburbs, And Jokmean with her suburbs,
54 and Beth-horon with her suburbs, And Aijalon with her suburbs,
55 and Gath-rimmon with her suburbs: And out of the half tribe of
Manasseh; Aner with her suburbs, and Bileam with her suburbs, for
56 the family of the remnant of the sons of Kohath. Unto the sons of
Gershom *were given* out of the family of the half tribe of Manasseh,
Golan in Bashan with her suburbs, and Ashtaroth with her suburbs:
57 And out of the tribe of Issachar; Kedesh with her suburbs, Daberath
58 with her suburbs, And Ramoth with her suburbs, and Anem with
59 her suburbs: And out of the tribe of Asher; Mashal with
60 her suburbs, and Abdon with her suburbs, And Hukok with
61 her suburbs, and Rehob with her suburbs, And out of the
tribe of Naphtali; Kedesh in Galilee with her suburbs, and
Hammon with her suburbs, and Kirjathaim with her suburbs.
62 Unto the rest of the children of Merari *were given* out of the tribe of

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63 Zebulun, Rimmon with her suburbs, Tabor with her suburbs : And on
the other side of the Jordan by Jericho, on the east side of the Jordan,
were given them out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer in the desert with
64 her suburbs, and Jahzah with her suburbs, Kedemoth also with her
65 suburbs, and Mephaath with her suburbs : And out of the tribe of
Gad ; Ramoth in Gilead with her suburbs, and Mahanaim with her
66 suburbs, and Heshbon with her suburbs, and Jazer with her
suburbs.

1 CHAP. VII.—Now the sons of Issachar *were*, Tola, and Puah, Jashub,
2 and Shimron, four. And the sons of Tola ; Uzzi, and Rephaiah, and
Jeriel, and Jahmai, and Jibsam, and Shemuel, heads of their father's
house, *to wit*, of Tola : *they were* valiant men of might in their
generations ; whose number *was* in the days of David two and twenty
3 thousand and six hundred. And the sons of Uzzi ; Izrahiah : and
the sons of Izrahiah ; Michael, and Obadiah, and Joel, Ishiah, five :
4 all of them chief men. And with them, by their generations, after
the house of their fathers, *were* bands of soldiers for war, six and
5 thirty thousand *men* : for they had many wives and sons. And their
brethren among all the families of Issachar *were* valiant men of
might, reckoned in all by their genealogies fourscore and seven
6 thousand. *The sons* of Benjamin ; Bela, and Becher, and Jediael,
7 three. And the sons of Bela : Ezbon, and Uzzi, and Uzziel,
and Jerimoth, and Iri, five ; heads of the house of *their* fathers,
mighty men of valour ; and were reckoned by their genealogies twenty
8 and two thousand and thirty and four. And the sons of Becher ;
Zemira, and Joash, and Eliezer, and Elioenai, and Omri, and Jeri-
moth, and Abiah, and Anathoth, and Alameth. All these *are* the
9 sons of Becher. And the number of them, after their genealogy by
their generations, heads of the house of their fathers, mighty men of
10 valour, *was* twenty thousand and two hundred. The sons also of
Jediael ; Bilhan : and the sons of Bilhan ; Jeush, and Benjamin, and
Ehud, and Chenaanah, and Zethan, and Tharshish, and Ahishahar.
11 All these the sons of Jediael, by the heads of their fathers, mighty
men of valour, *were* seventeen thousand and two hundred *soldiers*,
12 fit to go out for war *and* battle. Shuppim also, and Huppim, the chil-
13 dren of Ir, *and* Hushim, the sons of Aher. The sons of Naphtali ;
14 Jahziel, and Guni, and Jezer, and Shallum, the sons of Bilhah. The
sons of Manasseh ; Ashriel, whom she bare :—*but* his concubine the
15 Aramitess bare Machir the father of Gilead : And Machir took to
wife *the sister* of Huppim and Shuppim, whose sister's name *was*
Maachah ;—and the name of the second *was* Zelophehad : and Zelo-

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16 phehad had daughters. And Maachah the wife of Machir bare a son,
 and she called him Peresh; and the name of his brother *was* Sheresh;
 17 and his sons *were* Ulam and Rakem. And the sons of Ulam; Bedan.
 These *were* the sons of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh.
 18 And his sister Hammoleketh bare Ishod, and Abiezer, and Mahalah.
 19 And the sons of Shemidah were, Ahian, and Shechem, and Likhi, and
 20 Aniam. And the sons of Ephraim; Shuthelah, and Bered his son,
 21 and Tahath his son, and Eladah his son, and Tahath his son. And
 Zabad his son, and Shuthelah his son, and Ezer, and Elead, whom
 the men of Gath *that were* born in *that* land slew, because they came
 22 down to take away their cattle. And Ephraim their father mourned
 23 many days, and his brethren came to comfort him. And when he
 went in to his wife, she became pregnant, and bare a son, and he
 24 called his name Beriah, because it went evil with his house. And
 his daughter *was* Sherah, who built Beth-horon the nether, and the
 25 upper, and Uzzen-sherah. And Rephah *was* his son, also Resheph,
 26 and Telah his son, and Tahan his son. Laadan his son, Ammihud
 27 28 his son, Elishama his son, Non his son, Jehoshua his son. And
 their possessions and habitations *were*, Beth-el and the towns thereof,
 and eastward Naaran, and westward Gezer, with the towns thereof;
 Shechem also and the towns thereof, unto Gaza and the towns
 29 thereof. And in the proximity of the children of Manasseh, Beth-
 shean and her towns, Taanach and her towns, Megiddo and her
 towns, Dor and her towns. In these dwelt the children of Joseph
 30 the son of Israel. The sons of Asher; Imnah, and Isuah, and
 31 Ishuai, and Beriah, and Serah their sister. And the sons of Beriah;
 32 Heber, and Malchiel, who *is* the father of Birzavith. And Heber
 33 begat Japhlet, and Shomer, and Hotham, and Shua their sister. And
 the sons of Japhlet; Pasach, and Bimhal, and Ashvath. These *are*
 34 the children of Japhlet. And the sons of Shamer; Ahi, and Rohgah,
 35 Jehubbah, and Aram. And the sons of his brother Helem; Zophah,
 36 and Imna, and Shelesh, and Amal. The sons of Zophah; Suah, and
 37 Harnepher, and Shual, and Beri, and Imrah, Bezer, and Hod, and
 38 Shamma, and Shilshah, and Ithran, and Beera. And the sons of
 39 Jether; Jephunneh, and Pispah, and Ara. And the sons of Ulla:
 40 Arah, and Haniel, and Rezia. All these *were* the children of Asher,
 heads of *their* father's house, choice *and* mighty men of valour, heads
 of the princes. And the number throughout the genealogy of them
 that were apt to the army *and* to the war *was* twenty and six thousand
 men.

1 CHAP. VIII.—Now Benjamin begat Bela his firstborn, Ashbel the

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2 second, and Aharah the third. Nohah the fourth, and Rapha the
 3 fifth. And the sons of Bela were, Addar, and Gera, and Abihud,
 4 5 And Abishua, and Naaman, and Ahoah, And Gera, and Shephu-
 6 phan, and Huram. And these *are* the sons of Ehud: these are the
 heads of the fathers of the inhabitants of Geba, and they removed
 7 them to Manahath: And Naaman, and Ahiah, and Gera, he
 8 removed them, and begat Uzza, and Ahihud. And Shaharaim begat
children in the country of Moab, after he had sent them away;
 9 Hushim and Baara *were* his wives. And he begat of Hodesh his
 10 wife, Jobab, and Zibia, and Mesha, and Malcham, And Jeuz,
 11 and Shachia, and Mirma. These *were* his sons, heads of the
 12 fathers. And of Hushim he begat Abitub, and Elpaal. The
 sons of Elpaal; Eber, and Misham, and Shamed, who built
 13 Ono, and Lod, with the towns thereof: Beriah also, and Shema,
 who *were* heads of the fathers of the inhabitants of Aijalon,
 14 who drove away the inhabitants of Gath: And Ahio, Shashak, and
 15 16 Jeremoth, And Zebadiah, and Arad, and Ader, And Michael, and
 17 Ispa, and Joha, the sons of Beriah; And Zebadiah, and Meshullam,
 18 and Hezeki, and Heber, Ishmerai also, and Jezliah, and Jobab, the
 19 20 sons of Elpaal; And Jakim, and Zichri, and Zabdi, And
 21 Elienai, and Zilthai, and Eliel, And Adaiah, and Beraiah, and
 22 Shimrath, the sons of Shimhi; And Ishpan, and Heber, and Eliel,
 23 24 And Abdon, and Zichri, and Hanan, And Hananiah, and Elam,
 25 and Antothijah, And Iphedeiah, and Penuel, the sons of Shashak;
 26 27 And Shamsherai, and Shehariah, and Athaliah, And Jaresiah,
 28 and Eliah, and Zichri, the sons of Jeroham. These *were* heads of
 the fathers, by their generations, chief *men*. These dwelt in Jeru-
 29 salem. And at Gibeon dwelt the father of Gibeon; whose wife's
 30 name *was* Maachah: And his firstborn son Abdon, and Zur, and
 31 Kish, and Baal, and Nadab, And Gedor, and Ahio, and Zacher.
 32 And Mikloth begat Shimeah. And these also dwelt with their
 33 brethren in Jerusalem, over against them. And Ner begat Kish, and
 Kish begat Saul, and Saul begat Jonathan, and Malchi-shua, and
 34 Abinadab, and Eshbaal. And the son of Jonathan *was* Merib-baal;
 35 and Merib-baal begat Micah. And the sons of Micah *were*, Pithon,
 36 and Melech, and Tarea, and Ahaz. And Ahaz begat Jehoadah; and
 Jehoadah begat Alemet, and Azmaveth, and Zimri, and Zimri begat
 37 Moza, And Moza begat Binea: Rapha *was* his son, Eleasah his
 38 son, Azel his son: And Azel had six sons, whose names *are* these,

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Azrikam, Bocheru, and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and
 39 Hanan. All these *were* the sons of Azel. And the sons of Eshek
 his brother *were*, Ulam his firstborn, Jehush the second, and Eliphe-
 40 let the third. And the sons of Ulam were mighty men of valour,
 archers, and had many sons, and sons' sons, a hundred and fifty. All
 these *are* of the sons of Benjamin.

1 CHAP. IX.—So all Israel were reckoned by genealogies; and, behold,
 they *were* written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah, *who*
 2 were carried away to Babylon for their transgression. Now the first
 inhabitants that *dwelt* in their possessions in their cities *were*, the
 3 Israelites, the priests, Levites, and the temple servants. And in
 Jerusalem dwelt of the children of Judah, and of the children of
 4 Benjamin, and of the children of Ephraim, and Manasseh; Uthai
 the son of Ammihud, the son of Omri, the son of Imri, the son of
 5 Bani, of the children of Pharez the son of Judah. And of the Shi-
 6 lonites; Asaiah the firstborn, and his sons. And of the sons of
 7 Zerah; Jeuel, and their brethren, six hundred and ninety. And
 of the sons of Benjamin; Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son
 8 of Hodaviah, the son of Hasenuah, And Ibneiah the son of
 Jeroham, and Elah the son of Uzzi, the son of Michri, and
 Meshullam the son of Shephathiah, the son of Reuel, the son
 9 of Ibnijah; And their brethren, according to their generations,
 nine hundred and fifty and six. All these *were* heads of fathers
 10 in the house of their fathers. And of the priests; Jedaiah,
 11 and Jehoiarib, and Jachin, And Azariah the son of Hilkiah, the
 son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of
 12 Ahitub, the ruler of the house of God; And Adaiah the son of
 Jeroham, the son of Pashur, the son of Malchijah, and Maasiai the
 son of Adiel, the son of Jahzerah, the son of Meshullam, the son of
 13 Meshillemith, the son of Immer; And their brethren, heads of the
 house of their fathers, a thousand and seven hundred and threescore;
 14 very able men for the work of the service of the house of God. And
 of the Levites: Shemaiah the son of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam,
 15 the son of Hashabiah, of the sons of Merari; And Bakbakkar,
 Heresh, and Galal, and Mattaniah the son of Micah, the son of
 16 Zichri, the son of Asaph: And Obadiah the son of Shemaiah, the
 son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun, and Berechiah the son of Asa, the
 17 son of Elkanah, that dwelt in the villages¹ of the Netophathites. And
 the porters *were*, Shallum, and Akkub, and Talmon, and Ahiman,
 18 and their brethren: Shallum *was* the chief; Who hitherto *waited*
 in the king's gate eastward: they *were* porters in the camps of the
 19 children of Levi. And Shallum the son of Kore, the son of Ebi-
 asaph, the son of Korah, and his brethren, of the house of his father,
 the Korahites, *were* over the work of the service, keepers of the
 threshold of the tent: and their fathers, *being* over the camp of the

¹ courts.

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20 Eternal, *were* keepers of the entry. And Phinehas the son of Eleazar was the ruler over them in time past, *and* the Eternal *was* with
 21 him. *And* Zechariah the son of Meshelemiah *was* porter at the
 22 entrance of the appointed tent. All these who *were* chosen to be porters on the threshold *were* two hundred and twelve. These were reckoned by their genealogy in their villages,¹ whom David and Samuel
 23 the seer had confirmed for their faithfulness. So they and their children *had* the oversight of the gates of the house of the Eternal,
 24 *namely*, the house of the tents, by wards. In four quarters were the
 25 porters, towards the east, west, north, and south. And their brethren, *who were* in the villages,¹ *were* to come after seven days from time to
 26 time with them. For these Levites, the four chief porters, they officiated with faithfulness, and were over the chambers and treasuries
 27 of the house of God. And they lodged round about the house of God, because the charge *was* upon them, and the opening thereof
 28 every morning *pertained* to them. And *certain* of them had the charge of the ministering vessels, that they should bring them in and
 29 out by tale. *Some* of them also *were* appointed to oversee the vessels, and all the instruments of the sanctuary, and the fine flour, and the
 30 wine, and the oil, and the frankincense, and the spices. And *some* of the sons of the priests compounded the ointment of the spices.
 31 And Mattithiah, *one* of the Levites, who *was* the firstborn of Shalum the Korahite, *presided* with faithfulness over the things that were
 32 made in the pans. And *other* of their brethren, of the sons of the Kohathites, *were* over the shewbread, to prepare *it* every sabbath.
 33 And these *are* the singers, heads of the fathers of the Levites, *who remaining* in the chambers *were* exempt : for they were employed in
 34 *that* work day and night. These *are* the heads of the fathers of the
 35 Levites throughout their generations ; these dwelt at Jerusalem. And in Gibeon dwelt the father of Gibeon, Jehiel, whose wife's name *was*
 36 Maachah. And his firstborn son Abdon, then Zur, and Kish, and
 37 Baal, and Ner, and Nadab, And Gedor, and Ahio, and Zechariah,
 38 and Mikloth. And Mikloth begat Shimeam. And they also dwelt
 39 with their brethren, at Jerusalem, over against their brethren. And Ner begat Kish ; and Kish begat Saul ; and Saul begat Jonathan,
 40 and Malchi-shua, and Abinadab, and Eshbaal. And the son of
 41 Jonathan was Merib-baal : and Merib-baal begat Micah. And the sons of Micah *were*, Pithon, and Melech, and Tahrea, *and Ahaz*,
 42 And Ahaz begat Jarah ; and Jarah begat Alemeth, and Azmaveth,

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43 and Zimri ; and Zimri begat Moza ; And Moza begat Binea : and
44 Rephaiah his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son. And Azel had six
sons, whose names *are* these, Azrikam, Bocheru, and Ishmael, and
Shéariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan : these *were* the sons of Azel.

1 CHAP. X.—Now the Philistines fought against Israel ; and the men
of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain on
2 mount Gilboa. And the Philistines followed hard after Saul, and
after his sons ; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and Abinadab, and
3 Malchi-shua, the sons of Saul. And the battle went sore against
Saul, and the archers found him, and he was in terror of the archers.
4 Then said Saul to his armour-bearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me
through therewith, lest these uncircumcised come and make sport of
me. But his armour-bearer would not ; for he was sore afraid. So Saul
5 took a sword, and fell upon it. And when his armour-bearer saw that
6 Saul was dead, he fell likewise on the sword, and died. So Saul died,
7 and his three sons, and all his house died together. And when all the
men of Israel that *were* in the valley saw that they fled, and that
Saul and his sons were dead, then they forsook their cities, and fled :
and the Philistines came and dwelt in them. And it came to pass
8 on the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that
9 they found Saul and his sons fallen on mount Gilboa. And when
they had stripped him, they took his head, and his armour, and sent
into the land of the Philistines round about, to carry tidings unto
10 their idols, and to the people. And they put his armour in the
house of their gods, and fastened his skull in the temple of Dagon.
11 And when all Jabesh-gilead heard all that the Philistines had done
12 to Saul, They arose, all the valiant men, and took away the body of
Saul, and the bodies of his sons, and brought them to Jabesh, and
buried their bones under the terebinth in Jabesh, and fasted seven
13 days. So Saul died for his transgression which he committed against
the Eternal, *even* against the word of the Eternal, which he kept not,
and also for asking *counsel* of *one that had* a familiar spirit, to enquire
14 *of it* ; And enquired not of the Eternal : therefore he slew him, and
turned the kingdom unto David the son of Jesse.

1 CHAP. XI.—Then all Israel gathered themselves to David unto
2 Hebron, saying, Behold, we *are* thy bone and thy flesh. And

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moreover in time past, even when Saul was king, thou *wast* he that leddest out and broughtest in Israel : and the Eternal thy God said unto thee, Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be ruler
3 over my people Israel. Therefore came all the elders of Israel to the king to Hebron ; and David made a covenant with them in Hebron before the Eternal ; and they anointed David king over Israel,
4 according to the word of the Eternal by Samuel. And David and all Israel went to Jerusalem, which *is* Jebus ; where the Jebusites
5 *were*, the inhabitants of the land. And the inhabitants of Jebus said to David, Thou shalt not come hither. Nevertheless David took the
6 hold of Zion, which *is* the city of David. And David said, Whosoever smiteth the Jebusites first shall be chief and captain. So
7 Joab the son of Zeruiah went first up, and was chief. And David
8 dwelt in the hold ; therefore they called it the city of David. And he built the city round about, even from Millo round about : and
9 Joab repaired the rest of the city. So David waxed greater and
10 greater ; for the Eternal of hosts *was* with him. These also *are* the heads of the mighty men whom David had, who strengthened themselves with him in his kingdom, *and* with all Israel, to make him
11 king, according to the word of the Eternal concerning Israel. And this *is* the number of the mighty men whom David had ; Jashobeam, a Hachmonite, the head of the captains : he lifted up his spear against
12 three hundred slain *by him* at one time. And after him *was* Eleazar the son of Dodo, the Ahohite, who *was* among the three heroes.
13 He was with David at Pas-Dammim, and there the Philistines were gathered together for the war, where was a parcel of ground full of
14 barley ; and the people fled from before the Philistines. And they set themselves in the midst of *that* parcel, and delivered it, and slew the Philistines ; and the Eternal saved *them* by a great deliverance.
15 Now three of the thirty captains went down to the rock to David, into the cave of Adullam ; and the host of the Philistines encamped
16 in the valley of Rephaim. And David *was* then in the hold, and
17 the Philistines' garrison *was* then at Beth-lehem. And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give me drink of the water of
18 the cistern of Beth-lehem, that *is* at the gate ! And the three brake through the camp of the Philistines, and drew water out of the cistern of Beth-lehem, that *was* by the gate, and took *it*, and brought *it* to David ; but David would not drink *of* it, but poured
19 it out as a libation to the Eternal. And said, My God forbid it me, that I should do this thing : shall I drink the blood of these men that have put their lives in jeopardy ? for with the *jeopardy of* their lives they brought it. Therefore he would not drink it. These

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20 things did these three heroes. And Abishai the brother of Joab, he
 was head of the three : for lifting up his spear against three hundred
 21 he slew *them*, and had a name among the three. Among the two he
 was honoured above the three ; for he was their captain : howbeit, he
 22 attained not to the *first* three. Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son
 of a valiant man of Kabzeel, who had done many acts ; he slew two
 lion-like men of Moab ; also he went down and slew the lion in the
 23 pit on the day of the snow-fall. And he slew the Egyptian, the man
 of *great* stature, five cubits high ; and in the Egyptian's hand *was*
 a spear like a weaver's beam : and he went down to him with a staff,
 and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and slew him with
 24 his own spear. These *things* did Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and
 25 had the name among the three heroes. Behold, he was honourable
 above the thirty, but attained not to the *first* three : and David set
 26 him over his council. Also the valiant men of the armies *were*
 Asahel, the brother of Joab, Elhanan the son of Dodo of Beth-lehem,
 27 28 Shammoth the Harorite, Helez the Pelonite, Ira the son of
 29 Ikkesh the Tekoite, Abi-ezer the Antothite, Sibbecai the Husha-
 30 thite, Ilai, the Ahoite, Maharai the Netophathite, Heled the son of
 31 Baanah the Netophathite, Ithai the son of Ribai of Gibeah, *that*
pertained to the children of Benjamin, Benaiah the Pirathonite,
 32 33 Hurai of the brooks of Gaash, Abiel the Arbathite, Azmaveth
 34 the Baharumite, Eliahba the Shaalbonite, The sons of Hashem
 35 the Gizonite, Jonathan the son of Shage the Hararite, Ahiam the
 36 son of Sacar the Hararite, Eliphaz the son of Ur, Hephher the Me-
 37 cherathite, Abijah the Pelonite, Hezro the Carmelite, Naarai the
 38 son of Ezbai, Joel the brother of Nathan, Mibhar the son of Hag-
 39 geri, Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Berothite, the armour bearer
 40 of Joab the son of Zeruiah, Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite,
 41 42 Uriah the Hittite, Zabad the son of Ahlai, Adina the son of
 Shiza the Reubenite, head of the Reubenites, and thirty beside him,
 43 44 Hanan the son of Maachah, and Joshaphat the Mithnite, Uzzia
 the Ashterathite, Shama and Jehiel the sons of Hothan the Aroerite,
 45 46 Jediahel the son of Shimri, and Joha his brother, the Tizite, Eliel
 the Mahavite, and Jeribai, and Joshaviah, the sons of Elnaam, and
 46 Ithmah the Moabite, Eliel, and Obed, and Jasiel the Mesobaite.

1 CHAP. XII.—Now these *are* they that came to David to Ziklag,
 while he yet kept himself close because of Saul the son of Kish ; and

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2 they *were* among the heroes helpers in the war. *They were* armed with bows, and could use both the right hand and the left in *hurling* stones and *shooting* arrows out of a bow, *even* of Saul's brethren of Benjamin. The head *was* Aliezer, then Joash, the sons of Shemaah, the Gibeathite; and Jeziel, and Pelet, the sons of Azmaveth; and Berachah, and Jehu the Antothite, And Ismaiah the Gibeonite, a hero among the thirty and over the thirty; and Jeremiah, and Jahaziel, and Johanan, and Josabad the Gederathite, Eluzai, and Jerimoth, and Bealiah, and Shemariah, and Shephatiah the Haruphite, Elkanah, and Jesiah, and Azareel, and Joezer, and Jashobeam, the Korhites, And Joelah, and Zebediah, the sons of Jeroham of Gedor. And of the Gadites there separated themselves unto David into the hold to the desert men of might, *and* men of war *fit* for the battle, that could handle shield and buckler, whose faces *were like* the faces of lions, and *were* as swift as the gazelles upon the mountains; Ezer the first, Obadiah the second, Eliab the third, Mishmannah the fourth, Jeremiah the fifth, Attai the sixth, Eliel the seventh, Johanan the eighth, Elzabad the ninth, Jeremiah the tenth, Machbanai the eleventh. These *were* of the sons of Gad, heads of the host; one of the least *was* over a hundred, and the greatest over a thousand. These *are* they that went over the Jordan in the first month, when it had overflowed all its banks; and they put to flight all *them* of the valleys, *both* towards the east and towards the west. And there came of the children of Benjamin and Judah to the hold unto David. And David went out to meet them, and answered and said unto them, If ye be come peaceably unto me to help me, my heart shall be knit unto you: but if *ye be come* to betray me to my enemies, seeing *there is* no wrong in my hands, the God of our fathers look *thereon*, and rebuke it. Then a spirit came upon Amasi, *who was* head of the captains, *and he said*, Thine *are we*, David, and on thy side, thou son of Jesse: peace, peace *be* unto thee, and peace *be* to thy helpers; for thy God helpeth thee. Then David received them, and made them heads of the band. And there fell *some* of Manasseh to David, when he came with the Philistines against Saul in the war: but they helped them not: for the chiefs of the Philistines upon advice sent them away, saying, He will fall to his master Saul to the *jeopardy* of our heads. As he went to Ziklag, there fell to him of Manasseh, Adnah, and Jozabad, and Jediahel, and Michael, and Jozabad, and Elihu, and Zilthai, heads of the

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21 thousands that *were* of Manasseh. And they helped David against the
 22 band *of the rovers*: for they *were* all mighty men of valour, and were
 23 captains in the host. For at *that* time day by day there came to
 24 David to help him, until *it was* a great camp, like the camp of God.
 25 And these *are* the numbers of the bands *that were* ready armed to
 26 the war, *and* came to David to Hebron, to turn the kingdom of Saul
 27 to him, according to the word of the Eternal. The children of Judah
 28 that bare shield and spear *were* six thousand and eight hundred,
 29 ready armed to the war. Of the children of Simeon, mighty men of
 30 valour for the war, seven thousand and one hundred. Of the chil-
 31 dren of Levi four thousand and six hundred. And Jehoiada *was* the
 32 leader of the Aaronites, and with him *were* three thousand and seven
 33 hundred; And Zadok, a young man mighty of valour, and of his
 34 father's house twenty and two captains. And of the children of Ben-
 35 jamin, the kindred of Saul, three thousand: for hitherto the greatest
 36 part of them had kept the ward of the house of Saul. And of the
 37 children of Ephraim twenty thousand and eight hundred, mighty
 38 men of valour, famous throughout the house of their fathers. And
 39 of the half tribe of Manasseh eighteen thousand, who were expressed
 40 by name, to come and make David king. And of the children of
 Issachar, *who were men* that had understanding of the times, to know
 what Israel ought to do; the heads of them *were* two hundred; and
 all their brethren *were* at their commandment. Of Zebulun, such
 as went forth to battle, expert in war, with all instruments of war,
 fifty thousand, who could keep rank: *they were* not of double heart.
 And of Naphtali a thousand captains, and with them with shield and
 spear thirty and seven thousand. And of the Danites expert in war
 twenty and eight thousand and six hundred. And of Asher, such
 as went forth to battle, expert in war, forty thousand. And on the
 other side of the Jordan, of the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and of
 the half tribe of Manasseh, with all manner of instruments of the host
 for war, a hundred and twenty thousand. All these men of war,
 that could keep rank, came with a perfect heart to Hebron, to make
 David king over all Israel; and all the rest also of Israel *were* of one
 heart to make David king. And there they were with David three days,
 eating and drinking: for their brethren had prepared for them.
 Moreover they that were nigh unto them, *even* unto Issachar and
 Zebulun and Naphtali, brought bread on asses, and on camels, and
 on mules, and on oxen, *and* meat, meal, cakes of figs, and bunches

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of raisins, and wine, and oil, and oxen, and sheep abundantly: for *there was* joy in Israel.

1 CHAP. XIII.—And David consulted with the officers of the thousands
2 and hundreds, *and* with every leader. And David said unto all the
congregation of Israel, *If it seem* good unto you, and *that it be* of the
Eternal our God, let us send abroad unto our brethren everywhere,
that are left in all the land of Israel, and with them *also* to the
priests and Levites *who are* in their cities *and* suburbs, that they
3 may gather themselves unto us: And let us bring again the ark of
4 our God to us: for we enquired not at it in the days of Saul. And
all the congregation said that they would do so: for the thing was
5 right in the eyes of all the people. So David gathered all Israel
together, from Shihor of Egypt even unto the entering of Hemath,
6 to bring the ark of God from Kirjath-jearim. And David went up,
and all Israel, to Baalah, *that is*, to Kirjath-jearim, which *belonged*
to Judah, to bring up thence the ark of God the Eternal, that
7 dwelleth *between* the cherubim, whose name is called *on it*. And
they carried the ark of God in a new cart out of the house of Abi-
8 nadab: and Uzza and Ahio drave the cart. And David and all
Israel played before God with all *their* might, and with singing, and
with harps, and with psalteries, and with timbrels, and with cymbals,
9 and with trumpets. And when they came unto the barn of
Chidon, Uzza put forth his hand to hold the ark; for the oxen had
10 broken loose. And the anger of the Eternal was kindled against
Uzza, and he smote him, because he put his hand to the ark: and
11 there he died before God. And David was displeased, because the
Eternal had made a breach upon Uzza: wherefore that place is
12 called Perez-uzza to this day. And David was afraid of God that
13 day, saying, How shall I bring the ark of God *home* to me? So
David brought not the ark *home* to himself in the city of David, but
14 carried it aside into the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. And the
ark of God remained with the family of Obed-edom in his house
three months. And the Eternal blessed the house of Obed-edom,
and all that he had.

1 CHAP. XIV.—Now Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David,
and timber of cedars, with masons and carpenters, to build him a
2 house. And David perceived that the Eternal had confirmed him
king over Israel, for his kingdom was lifted up on high, because of
3 his people Israel. And David took more wives at Jerusalem;
4 and David begat more sons and daughters. Now these *are* the

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names of *his* children whom he had in Jerusalem; Shammua, and
 5 Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon, And Ibhar, and Elishua, and
 6 7 Elpalet, And Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia, And Elishama,
 8 and Beeliada, and Eliphalet. And when the Philistines heard that
 David was anointed king over all Israel, all the Philistines went up
 to seek David. And David heard *of it*, and went out against them.
 9 And the Philistines came and spread themselves in the valley of
 10 Rephaim. And David enquired of God, saying, Shall I go up
 against the Philistines? and wilt thou deliver them into my hand?
 And the Eternal said unto him, Go up; for I will deliver them into
 11 thy hand. So they came up to Baal-perazim; and David smote
 them there. Then David said, God hath burst in upon mine
 enemies by my hand like the bursting forth of waters: therefore they
 12 called the name of that place Baal-perazim. And when they had left
 their gods there, David gave a commandment, and they were burned
 13 with fire. And the Philistines yet again spread themselves abroad in
 14 the valley. Therefore David enquired again of God; and God said
 unto him, Go not up after them; turn away from them, and come
 15 upon them over against the mulberry trees. And it shall be, when
 thou shalt hear a sound of going in the tops of the mulberry trees,
that then thou shalt go out to the war: for God is gone forth before
 16 thee to smite the camp of the Philistines. David therefore did as
 God commanded him: and they smote the camp of the Philistines
 17 from Gibeon even to Gazer. And the fame of David went out into
 all lands; and the Eternal brought the fear of him upon all the
 nations.

1 CHAP. XV.—And *David* made him houses in the city of David, and
 prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched for it a tent.
 2 Then David said, None ought to carry the ark of God but the Le-
 vites: for them hath the Eternal chosen to carry the ark of God,
 3 and to minister unto him for ever. And David gathered all Israel
 together to Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the Eternal unto his
 4 place, which he had prepared for it. And David assembled the
 5 children of Aaron and the Levites: Of the sons of Korath; Uriel
 6 the chief, and his brethren a hundred and twenty: Of the sons of
 Merari; Asaiah the chief, and his brethren two hundred and twenty:
 7 Of the sons of Gershom; Joel the chief, and his brethren a hundred
 8 and thirty: Of the sons of Elizaphan; Shemaiah the chief, and his
 9 brethren two hundred: Of the sons of Hebron; Eliel the chief, and
 10 his brethren fourscore: Of the sons of Uzziel; Amminadab the

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- 11 chief, and his brethren a hundred and twelve. And David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and for the Levites, for Uriel, 12 Asaiah, and Joel, Shemaiah, and Eliel, and Amminadab, And said unto them, *Ye are* the heads of the fathers of the Levites: sanctify yourselves, *both* ye and your brethren, that ye may bring up the ark of the Eternal God of Israel unto *the place that* I have prepared for 13 it. For because ye *did it* not at the first, the Eternal our God made a breach upon us, for that we sought him not after the due order. 14 So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the 15 ark of the Eternal God of Israel. And the children of the Levites bare the ark of God upon their shoulders, with the staves thereon, 16 as Moses commanded according to the word of the Eternal. And David spake to the chief of the Levites to appoint their brethren *to be* the singers with instruments of musick, psalteries, and harps and 17 cymbals, sounding; by lifting up the voice with joy. So the Levites appointed Heman the son of Joel; and of his brethren Asaph the son of Berechiah; and of the sons of Merari their brethren, Ethen 18 the son of Kushaiah; And with them their brethren of the second *degree*, Zechariah, Ben, and Jaaziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, Eliab, and Benaiah, and Maaseiah, and Mattithiah, and Elipheleh, and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, the porters. 19 So the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, *were appointed* to sound 20 with cymbals of copper; And Zechariah, and Aziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, and Eliab, and Maaseiah, and Benaiah, 21 with psalteries on Alamoth; And Mattithiah, and Elipheleh, and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, and Azaziah, with harps on 22 the Sheminith to excel. And Chenaniah, chief of the Levites, *was* for delivery; he instructed in the delivery, because he *was* 23 skilful. And Berechiah and Elkanah *were* porters for the ark. 24 And Shebaniah, and Jehoshophat, and Nethaneel, and Amasai, and Zechariah, and Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, did blow with the trumpets before the ark of God: and Obed-edom and Jehiah *were* 25 porters for the ark. So David and the elders of Israel, and the officers over the thousands, went to bring up the ark of the covenant of 26 the Eternal out of the house of Obed-edom with joy. And it came to pass, when God helped the Levites that bare the ark of the covenant of the Eternal, that they offered seven bulls and seven rams. 27 And David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, and all the Levites that bare the ark, and the singers, and Chenaniah the master of the

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song with the singers; David also *had* upon him an ephod of linen.
 28 Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the Eternal
 with shouting, and with sound of the cornet, and with trumpets, and
 29 cymbals, making a noise with psalteries and harps. And it came to
 pass, *as* the ark of the covenant of the Eternal came to the city of
 David, that Michal the daughter of Saul looking out of the window
 saw king David dancing and playing, and she despised him in her
 heart.

1 CHAP. XVI.—So they brought the ark of God, and set it in the
 midst of the tent that David had pitched for it; and they offered
 2 burnt offerings and feast offerings before God. And when David
 had made an end of offering the burnt offerings and the feast offer-
 3 ings, he blessed the people in the name of the Eternal. And he
 dealt to every one of Israel, both man and woman, to every one a
 4 loaf of bread, and a good piece of flesh, and a cake of grapes, And
 he appointed *certain* of the Levites to minister before the ark of the
 Eternal, and to record, and to thank and praise the Eternal God of
 5 Israel: Asaph the chief, and next to him Zechariah, Jeiel, and She-
 miramoth, and Jehiel, and Mattithiah, and Eliab, and Benaiah, and
 Obed-edom: and Jeiel with psalteries and with harps; but Asaph
 6 made a sound with cymbals; Benaiah also and Jahaziel the priests
 with trumpets continually before the ark of the covenant of God.
 7 Then on that day David delivered first *this psalm* to thank the
 8 Eternal into the hand of Asaph and his brethren. Give thanks unto
 the Eternal, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the
 9 peoples. Sing unto him, hymn unto him, talk ye of all his wondrous
 10 works. Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice
 11 that seek the Eternal. Enquire ye after the Eternal and his strength,
 12 seek his face continually. Remember his marvellous works that he
 13 hath done, his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth; O ye seed
 14 of Israel his servant, ye children of Jacob his chosen ones. He *is*
 15 the Eternal our God; his judgments *are* in all the earth. Be ye
 mindful always of his covenant; the word *which* he commanded to a
 16 thousand generations; *Even of the covenant* which he made with
 17 Abraham, and of his oath unto Isaac; And hath confirmed the same
 18 to Jacob for a statute, *and* to Israel *for* an everlasting covenant, Say-
 ing, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inher-
 19 itance; When ye were but a scanty number, even a few, and
 20 strangers in it. And *when* they wandered about from nation to
 21 nation, and from *one* kingdom to another people; He suffered no
 22 man to do them wrong: yea, he reprov'd kings for their sakes, *Say-*
 23 *ing*, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm. Sing
 unto the Eternal all the earth; proclaim from day to day his salvation.

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24 Declare his work among the nations ; his marvellous works among
 25 all the peoples. For great *is* the Eternal, and greatly to be praised :
 26 he also *is* to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the
 27 peoples *are* idols ? but the Eternal made the heavens. Glory and
 honour *are* in his presence ; strength and gladness *are* in his place.
 28 Give unto the Eternal, ye families of peoples, give unto the Eternal
 29 glory and strength. Give unto the Eternal the glory *due* unto his
 name : bring an oblation, and come before him : prostrate yourselves
 30 before the Eternal in the splendour of holiness. Writhe before him
 31 all the earth ; although the world is stable, and tottereth not. Let
 the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice : and let *men* say
 32 among the nations, the Eternal reigneth. Let the sea roar, and the
 33 fulness thereof : let the field rejoice, and all that *is* therein. Then
 shall the trees of the wood shout at the presence of the Eternal,
 34 because he cometh to judge the earth. O give thanks unto the
 35 Eternal : for *he is* good ; for his mercy *endureth* for ever. And say
 ye, Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather us together, and
 deliver us from the nations, that we may give thanks to thy holy
 36 name, *and* glory in thy praise. Blessed *be* the Eternal God of Israel
 for ever and ever. And all the people said Amen, and praised the
 37 Eternal. So he left there before the ark of the covenant of the
 Eternal Asaph and his brethren, to minister before the ark continu-
 38 ally, as every day's work required : And Obed-edom with their
 brethren, threescore and eight : Obed-edom also the son of Jedu-
 39 thun and Hosah *to be* porters : And Zadok the priest, and his bre-
 thren the priests, before the tabernacle of the Eternal in the high
 40 place that *was* at Gibeon, To offer burnt offerings unto the Eternal
 upon the altar of the burnt offering continually morning and evening,
 and *to do* according to all that is written in the law of the Eternal,
 41 which he commanded Israel ; And with them Heman and Jeduthun
 and the rest that were chosen, who were expressed by name, to give
 42 thanks to the Eternal, because his mercy *endureth* for ever. And
 with them Heman and Jeduthun with trumpets and cymbals for
 those that should make a sound, and with musical instruments of
 God. And the sons of Jeduthun *were* for the *service* of the gate.
 43 And all the people went every man to his house : and David returned
 to bless his house.

1 CHAP. XVII.—And it came to pass, as David sat in his house, that
 David said to Nathan the prophet, Lo, I dwell in a house of cedars,
 but the ark of the covenant of the Eternal *remaineth* under curtains.
 2 Then Nathan said unto David, Do all that *is* in thy heart ; for God
 3 is with thee. And it came to pass the same night, that the word of
 4 God came to Nathan, saying, Go and tell David my servant, Thus

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5 saith the Eternal, Thou shalt not build me a house to dwell in : For I have not dwelt in a house since the day that I brought up Israel unto this day ; but have gone from tent to tent, and from *one* dwelling
6 to *another*. Wheresoever I have wandered about with all Israel, spake I a word to any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people, saying, Why have ye not built me a house of cedars ?
7 Now therefore thus shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the Eternal of hosts, I took thee from the sheeppcote, *even* from following the sheep, that thou shouldest be ruler over my people Israel :
8 And I have been with thee whithersoever thou hast walked, and have cut off all thine enemies from before thee, and have made thee a name
9 like the name of the great ones that *are* in the earth. Also I will ordain a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, and they shall dwell in their place, and shall be disquieted no more ; neither shall the children of iniquity waste them any more, as at the
10 beginning. And since the time that I commanded judges *to be* over my people Israel, and subdued all thine enemies, I have announced to
11 thee that the Eternal will build thee a house. And it shall come to pass, when thy days are full that thou must go *to be* with thy fathers, that I will raise up thy seed after thee, who shall be of thy
12 sons ; and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build me a house, and I will establish his throne for ever. I will be his father, and he shall be my son : and I will not take my mercy away from him, as I
14 took *it* from *him* that was before thee : But I will settle him in my house and in my kingdom for ever : and his throne shall be established
15 for evermore. According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David. And David the king came and sat before the Eternal, and said, Who *am* I, O Eternal God, and
17 what *is* my house, that thou hast brought me hitherto ? And *yet* this was a small thing in thine eyes, O God ; for thou hast *also* spoken of thy servant's house for a great while to come, and hast regarded me according to the estate of a man of high degree, O
18 Eternal God. What can David *speak* more to thee for the honour of thy servant ? for thou knowest thy servant. O Eternal, for thy servant's sake, and according to thine own heart, hast thou done all
20 this greatness, in making known all *these* great things. O Eternal, *there is* none like thee, neither *is there any* God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears. And who *is* like thy people Israel, *the only* nation on earth whom God went to redeem *to be* his own people, to make thee a name of greatness and terribleness,

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by driving out nations from before thy people, whom thou hast re-
 22 deemed out of Egypt? For thy people Israel didst thou make
 thine own people for ever; and thou, Eternal, becamest their God.
 23 Therefore now, Eternal, let the thing that thou hast spoken concern-
 ing thy servant and concerning his house be verified for ever, and do
 24 as thou hast said. Let it even be verified, that thy name may be
 magnified for ever, saying, The Eternal of hosts *is* the God of Israel,
even a God to Israel: and *let* the house of David thy servant *be*
 25 established before thee. For thou, O my God, hast told thy servant
 that thou wilt build him a house: therefore thy servant hath found
 26 *in his heart* to pray before thee. And now, Eternal, thou art God,
 27 and hast promised this goodness unto thy servant: And now thou
 hast been pleased to bless the house of thy servant, that it may be
 before thee for ever—since thou hast blessed, O Eternal, *it shall be*
 blessed for ever.

1 CHAP. XVIII.—Now after this it came to pass, that David smote the
 Philistines, and subdued them, and took Gath and her towns out of
 2 the hand of the Philistines. And he smote Moab; and the Moab-
 3 ites became David's servants, bringing gifts. And David smote
 Hadarezer king of Zobah unto Hamath, as he went to stablish his
 4 dominion¹ by the river Euphrates. And David took from him a
 thousand chariots, and seven thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand
 5 footmen: David also houghed all the chariot *horses*, but reserved
 of them a hundred chariots. And when the Syrians of Damascus
 came to help Hadarezer king of Zobah, David slew of the Syrians two
 6 and twenty thousand men. Then David put *garrisons* in Syria-
 damascus; and the Syrians became David's servants, bringing gifts.
 7 Thus the Eternal preserved David whithersoever he went. And David
 took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadarezer, and
 8 brought them to Jerusalem. Likewise from Tibhath, and from Chun,
 cities of Hadarezer, brought David very much copper, wherewith
 Solomon made the copper sea, and the pillars, and the vessels of
 9 copper. Now when Tou king of Hamath heard how David had
 10 smitten all the host of Hadarezer king of Zobah; He sent Hadoram
 his son to king David, to enquire of his welfare, and to congratulate²
 him, because he had fought against Hadarezer, and smitten him;—
 for Hadarezer had war with Tou,—and *with him* all manner of vessels
 11 of gold and silver and copper. Them also king David sanctified unto

¹ hand.

² bless.

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the Eternal, with the silver and the gold that he brought from all *these* nations: from Edom, and from Moab, and from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines, and from Amalek. Moreover Abishai the son of Zeruiah smote the Edomites in the valley of salt; eighteen thousand. And he put garrisons in Edom; and all the Edomites became David's servants. Thus the Eternal preserved David whithersoever he went. So David reigned over all Israel, and executed judgment and justice among all his people. And Joab the son of Zeruiah *was* over the host; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, recorder. And Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Abimelech the son of Abiathar, *were* the priests; and Shavsha was scribe; And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada *was* over the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and the sons of David *were* chief about the king.

1 CHAP. XIX.—Now it came to pass after this, that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon died, and his son reigned in his stead.
 2 And David said, I will shew kindness unto Hanun the son of Nahash, because his father shewed kindness to me. And David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father. So the servants of David came into the land of the children of Ammon to Hanun, to comfort him. But the officers of the children of Ammon said to Hanun, Thinkest thou that David doth honour thy father, that he hath sent comforters unto thee? are not his servants come unto thee for to
 4 search, and to overthrow, and to spy out the land? Wherefore Hanun took David's servants, and shaved them, and cut off their garments in the midst hard by their buttocks, and sent them away.
 5 Then there went *certain*, and informed David concerning the men. And he sent to meet them: for the men were greatly ashamed. And the king said, Tarry at Jericho, until your beards be grown and *then*
 6 return. And when the children of Ammon saw that they had made themselves odious to David, Hanun and the children of Ammon sent a thousand talents of silver to hire them chariots and horsemen out of
 7 Mesopotamia, and out of Syria-maachah, and out of Zobah. So they hired thirty and two thousand chariots, and the king of Maachah and his people; who came and pitched before Medebah. And the children of Ammon gathered themselves together from their
 8 cities, and came to the war. And when David heard *of it*, he sent Joab, and all the host of the mighty men. And the children of Ammon came out, and put the battle in array before the gate¹ of the city: and the kings that were come *were* by themselves in the field.
 10 Now when Joab saw that the battle² was set against him before and behind, he chose out of all the choice of Israel, and put *them* in array against the Syrians. And the rest of the people he delivered unto the hand of Abishai his brother, and they set *themselves* in array
 12 against the children of Ammon, And he said, If the Syrians be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me: but if the children of Ammon

¹ entrance.

² war.

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13 be too strong for thee, then I will help thee. Be of good courage,
and let us behave ourselves valiantly for our people, and for the
14 cities of our God: and let the Eternal do *that which is* good in his
15 eyes. So Joab and the people that *were* with him drew nigh before
the Syrians unto the war; and they fled before him. And when
the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians were fled, they likewise
fled before Abishai his brother, and entered into the city. Then
16 Joab came to Jerusalem. And when the Syrians saw that they were
put to the worse before Israel, they sent messengers, and drew
forth the Syrians that *were* beyond the river; and Shophach the
17 captain of the host of Hadarezer *went* before them. And it was told
David; and he gathered all Israel, and passed over the Jordan, and
came upon them, and set *the battle* in array against them. So when
David had put *the battle*¹ in array against the Syrians, they fought
18 with him. But the Syrians fled before Israel; and David slew of
the Syrians seven thousand *men who fought in* chariots, and forty
thousand footmen, and killed Shophach the captain of the host.
19 And when the servants of Hadarezer saw that they were put to the
worse before Israel, they made peace with David, and became his
servants: neither would the Syrians help the children of Ammon any
more.

1 CHAP. XX.—And it came to pass, that at the expiration² of the year,
at the time that kings go out *to battle*, Joab led forth the power of
the army, and wasted the country of the children of Ammon, and
came and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried at Jerusalem. And
2 Joab smote Rabbah, and destroyed it. And David took the crown
of their king from off his head, and found it to weigh a talent of gold,
and *there were* precious stones in it; and it was set upon David's
head: and he brought also exceeding much spoil out of the city.
3 And he brought out the people that *were* in it, and cut *them* with
saws, and with harrows of iron, and with axes. Even so dealt David
with all the cities of the children of Ammon. And David and all the
4 people returned to Jerusalem. And it came to pass after this, that
there arose war at Gezer with the Philistines; at which time Sibbe-
chai the Hushathite slew Sippai, *that was* of the children of the
5 Refaim, and they were subdued. And there was war again with the
Philistines; and Elhanan the son of Jair slew Lahmi the brother of
6 Goliath the Gittite, whose spear staff *was* like a weaver's beam. And
yet again there was war at Gath, where was a man of *great* stature,
whose fingers and toes *were* four and twenty, six *on each hand*, and
7 six *on each foot*: and he also was born unto Rafa. But when he
defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea, David's brother, slew
8 him. These were born unto Rafa in Gath; and they fell by the
hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

¹ war.

² return.

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- 1 CHAP. XXI.—And an adversary stood up against Israel, and pro-
 2 voked David to count Israel. And David said to Joab and to the
 officers of the people, Go, number Israel from Beer-sheba even to
 3 Dan; and bring the number of them to me, that I may know *it*.
 And Joab answered, The Eternal make his people a hundred times
 so many more as they *are*: but, my lord the king, *are* they not all
 my lord's servants? wherefore then doth my lord require this thing?
 4 wherefore will he be a cause of guilt to Israel? Nevertheless the
 king's word prevailed against Joab. Wherefore Joab departed, and
 5 went throughout all Israel, and came to Jerusalem. And Joab gave
 the sum of the number of the people unto David. And all *they of*
 Israel were a thousand thousand and a hundred thousand men that
 drew sword: and Judah *was* four hundred threescore and ten
 6 thousand men that drew sword. But Levi and Benjamin counted he
 7 not among them: for the king's word was abominable to Joab. And
 8 God was displeased with this thing: therefore he smote Israel. And
 David said unto God, I have sinned greatly, because I have done this
 thing: but now, I beseech thee, pass by the iniquity of thy servant;
 9 for I have done very foolishly. And the Eternal spake unto Gad,
 10 David's seer, saying, Go and tell David, saying, Thus saith the
 Eternal, I offer thee three *things*: choose thee one of them, that I
 11 may do *it* unto thee. So Gad came to David, and said unto him,
 12 Thus saith the Eternal, Choose¹ thee Either three years' famine; or
 three months to be destroyed before thy foes, while that the sword of
 thine enemies overtaketh *thee*; or else three days the sword of the
 Eternal, even a pestilence, in the land, and the angel of the Eternal,
 destroying throughout all the boundary of Israel. Now therefore
 advise thyself what word I shall bring again to him that sent me.
 13 And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let me fall now
 into the hand of the Eternal; for very great *are* his mercies: but
 14 let me not fall into the hand of man. So the Eternal sent pestilence
 15 upon Israel: and there fell of Israel seventy thousand men. And
 God sent an angel unto Jerusalem to destroy it: and as he was de-
 stroying, the Eternal beheld, and he repented him of the evil, and
 said to the angel that destroyed, It is enough, stay now thy hand.
 And the angel of the Eternal stood by the barn of Ornan
 16 the Jebusite. And David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of
 the Eternal stand between the earth and the heaven, having a drawn
 sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and
 the elders *of Israel, who were* clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their

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17 faces. And David said unto God, *Is it* not I *that* commanded the people to be counted? even I it is that have sinned and done evil indeed; but *as for* these sheep, what have they done? let thy hand, I pray thee, O Eternal my God, be on me, and on my father's house; 18 but not on thy people, that they should be plagued. Then the angel of the Eternal said to Gad to say to David, that David should go up, and set up an altar unto the Eternal in the barn of 19 Ornan the Jebusite. And David went up at the saying of Gad, 20 which he spake in the name of the Eternal. And Ornan turned back, and saw the angel; and his four sons with him hid 21 themselves. Now Ornan was threshing wheat. And as David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David, and went out of the barn, and prostrated himself before David with *his* face 22 to the ground. Then David said to Ornan, Grant me the place of *this* barn, that I may build an altar therein unto the Eternal: thou shalt grant it me for the full price: that the 23 plague may be stayed from the people. And Ornan said unto David, Take *it* to thee, and let my lord the king do *that which* is good in his eyes: lo, I give *thee* those of the herd *also* for burnt offerings, and the threshing instruments for wood, and the wheat for 24 the oblation; I give it all. And king David said to Ornan, Nay; but I will verily buy it for the full price: for I will not take *that* which is thine for the Eternal, nor offer burnt offerings without 25 cost. So David gave to Ornan for the place six hundred shekels of 26 gold by weight. And David built there an altar unto the Eternal, and offered burnt offerings and feast offerings, and called upon the Eternal; and he answered him from heaven by fire upon the altar of 27 burnt offering. And the Eternal commanded the angel; and he put 28 up his sword again into the sheath thereof. At that time when David saw that the Eternal had answered him in the barn 29 of Ornan the Jebusite, then he sacrificed there. For the dwelling of the Eternal, which Moses made in the desert, and the altar of the 30 burnt offering, *were* at that time in the high place at Gibeon. But David could not go before it to inquire of God: for he was afraid because of the sword of the angel of the Eternal.

1 CHAP. XXII.—Then David said, This *is* the house of the Eternal 2 God, and this *is* the altar of *the* burnt offering for Israel. And David commanded to gather together the strangers that *were* in the land of Israel; and he set hewers to hew wrought stones to build the 3 house of God. And David prepared iron in abundance for the nails for the doors of the gates, and for the joinings; and copper in abundance without weight; Also cedar trees in abundance; for the Zido- 4 nians and they of Tyre brought many cedar trees to David, And David said, Solomon my son *is* young and tender, and the house *that is* to be built for the Eternal *must be* exceeding magnificent, of fame and of

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glory throughout all countries: I will *therefore* now make preparation for it. So David prepared abundantly before his death. Then he called for Solomon his son, and commanded him to build a house for the Eternal God of Israel. And David said to Solomon, My son, as for me, it was in my heart to build a house unto the name of the Eternal my God: But the word of the Eternal came to me, saying, Thou hast shed blood abundantly, and hast made great wars: thou shalt not build a house unto my name, because thou hast shed much blood upon the earth in my sight. Behold, a son shall be born unto thee, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies round about: for his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quietness unto Israel in his days. He shall build a house for my name; and he shall be my son, and I *will be* his father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel for ever. Now, my son, the Eternal be with thee; and prosper thou, and build the house of the Eternal thy God, as he hath said of thee. Only the Eternal give thee wisdom and understanding, and give thee charge concerning Israel, that thou mayest keep the law of the Eternal thy God. Then shalt thou prosper, if thou takest heed to fulfil the statutes and judgments which the Eternal commanded Moses concerning Israel: be strong, and of good courage; dread not, nor be dismayed. Now, behold, in my trouble I have prepared for the house of the Eternal a hundred thousand talents of gold; and a thousand thousand talents of silver; and of copper and iron without weight; for it is in abundance: timber also and stone have I prepared; and thou mayest add thereto. Moreover *there are* workmen with thee in abundance, hewers and workers of stone and timber, and all manner of cunning men for every manner of work. Of the gold, the silver, and the copper, and the iron, *there is* no number. Arise *therefore*, and be doing, and the Eternal be with thee. David also commanded all the officers of Israel to help Solomon his son, *saying*, Is not the Eternal your God with you? and hath he *not* given you rest on every side? for he hath given the inhabitants of the land into my hand; and the land is subdued before the Eternal, and before his people. Now set your heart and your soul to seek the Eternal your God; arise therefore, and build ye the sanctuary of the Eternal God, to bring the ark of the covenant of the Eternal, and the holy vessels of God, into the house that is to be built to the name of the Eternal.

1 CHAP. XXIII.—So when David was old and full of days, he made
 2 Solomon his son king over Israel. And he gathered together all
 3 the officers of Israel, with the priests and the Levites. Now the Levites were numbered from the age of thirty years and upwards: and

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their number by their polls, man by man, was thirty and eight
4 thousand. Of these, twenty and four thousand *were* to superintend
the work of the house of the Eternal; and six thousand *were* bailiffs
5 and judges: Moreover four thousand *were* porters; and four
thousand praised the Eternal with the instruments which I made,
6 *said David*, to praise *therewith*. And David divided them into
courses among the sons of Levi, *namely*, Gershon, Kohath, and
7 8 Merari. Of the Gershonites *were*, Laadan, and Shimei. The
sons of Laadan; the head *was* Jehiel, and Zetham, and Joel, three.
9 The sons of Shimei; Shelomith, and Haziel, and Haran, three.
10 These *were* the heads of the fathers of Laadan. And the sons of
Shimei *were*, Jahath, Zina, and Jeush, and Beriah. These four *were*
11 the sons of Shimei. And Jahath was the head, and Zizah the second:
but Jeush and Beriah had not many sons; therefore they
12 were in one reckoning, according to *their* father's house. The sons
13 of Kohath; Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel, four. The sons of
Amram; Aaron, and Moses: and Aaron was separated, to sanctify
him as most holy,¹ him and his sons for ever, to burn incense before
the Eternal, to minister unto him, and to bless in his name for ever.
14 Now *concerning* Moses the man of God, his sons were named of the
15 16 tribe of Levi. The sons of Moses *were*, Gershom, and Eliezer. Of
17 the sons of Gershom, Shebuel *was* the head. And the sons of Eliezer
were, Rehabiah the head. And Eliezer had none other sons; but
18 the sons of Rehabiah were very many. Of the sons of Izhar; She-
19 lomith the head. Of the sons of Hebron; Jeriah the first, Amariah
20 the second, Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth. Of the
21 sons of Uzziel; Micah the first, and Jesiah the second. The sons
of Merari; Mahli, and Mushi. The sons of Mahli; Eleazar, and
22 Kish. And Eleazar died, and had no sons, but daughters: and their
23 brethren the sons of Kish took them. The sons of Mushi; Mahli,
24 and Eder, and Jeremoth, three. These *were* the sons of Levi after
the house of their fathers; *even* the heads of the fathers, as they
were counted by number of names by their polls, that did the work
for the service of the house of the Eternal, from the age of twenty
25 years and upwards. For David said, The Eternal God of Israel
hath given rest unto his people, that they may dwell in Jerusalem for
26 ever: And also unto the Levites; they shall no *more* carry the

¹ holy of holies.

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27 dwelling, nor any vessels of it for the service thereof. For by the
 28 last words of David the Levites *were* numbered from twenty years
 old and above: Because their office *was* to wait on the sons of
 Aaron for the service of the house of the Eternal, in the courts, and
 in the chambers, and in the purifying of all holy things, and the
 29 work of the service of the house of God; Both for the shewbread,
 and for the fine flour for oblation, and for the unleavened cakes,
 and for *that which is baked in the pan*, and for that which is
 30 fried, and for all manner of measure and size; And to stand
 every morning to thank and praise the Eternal, and likewise
 31 at even; And to offer all burnt sacrifices unto the Eternal in
 the Sabbaths, in the new moons, and on the appointed festi-
 vals, by number, according to the order commanded unto them,
 32 continually before the Eternal: And that they should keep the
 charge of the tent of appointment, and the charge of the holy *place*,
 and the charge of the sons of Aaron their brethren, in the service of
 the house of the Eternal.

1 CHAP. XXIV.—Now *these are* the divisions of the sons of Aaron.
 The sons of Aaron; Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.
 2 But Nadab and Abihu died before their father, and had no children:
 3 therefore Eleazar and Ithamar executed the priest's office. And
 David distributed them, both Zadok of the sons of Eleazar, and
 Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, according to their offices in their
 4 service. And there were more chief men found of the sons of Elea-
 zar than of the sons of Ithamar; and thus were they divided.
 Among the sons of Eleazar *there were* sixteen chief men of the house
 of *their* fathers, and eight among the sons of Ithamar according to
 5 the house of their fathers. Thus were they divided by lot, one sort
 with another; for the governors of the sanctuary, and governors *of*
the house of God, were of the sons of Eleazar, and of the sons of
 6 Ithamar. And Shemaiah the son of Nethaneel the scribe, *one* of the
 Levites, wrote them before the king, and the officers, and Zadok the
 priest, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, and *before* the heads of
 the fathers of the priests and Levites: one principal household being
 7 taken for Eleazar, and *one* taken for Ithamar. Now the first lot
 8 came forth to Jehoiarib, the second to Jedaiah, The third to Harim,
 9 the fourth to Seorim, The fifth to Melchijah, the sixth to Mijamin,
 10 11 The seventh to Hakkoz, the eighth to Abijah, The ninth to
 12 Jeshuah, the tenth to Shecaniah, The eleventh to Eliashib, the
 13 twelfth to Jakim, The thirteenth to Huppah, the fourteenth to
 14 Jeshcbeab, The fifteenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth to Immer,
 15 16 The seventeenth to Hezir, the eighteenth to Aphses, The nine-
 17 teenth to Pethahiah, the twentieth to Jehezkel, The one and
 18 twentieth to Jachin, the two and twentieth to Gamul, The three

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19 and twentieth to Delaiah, the four and twentieth to Maaziah. These *were* the orderings of them in their service to come into the house of the Eternal, according to their manner, under Aaron their father, as
 20 the Eternal God of Israel had commanded him. And the rest of the sons of Levi *were these* : Of the sons of Amram ; Shubael : of
 21 the sons of Shubael ; Jehdeiah. Concerning Rehabiah : of the sons
 22 of Rehabiah, the first *was* Isshiah. Of the Izharites ; Shelomoth : of
 23 the sons of Shelomoth ; Jahath. And the sons of *Hebron* ; Jeriah
 24 *the first*, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, Jekameam the
 25 fourth. Of the sons of Uzziel ; Michah : of the sons of Michah ;
 26 Shamir. The brother of Michah *was* Isshiah : of the sons of Isshiah ;
 27 Zechariah. The sons of Merari *were* Mahli and Mushi : the sons of
 28 Jaaziah, Beno. The sons of Merari by Jaaziah ; Beno, and Shoham,
 29 and Zaccur, and Ibri. Of Mahli *came* Eleazar, who had no sons,
 30 Concerning Kish : the son of Kish *was* Jerahmeel. The sons
 31 also of Mushi ; Mahli, and Eder, and Jerimoth. These *were* the
 sons of the Levites after the house of their fathers. These likewise
 cast lots over against their brethren the sons of Aaron in the pre-
 sence of David the king, and Zadok, and Ahimelech, and the heads
 of the fathers of the priests and Levites, even the principal fathers
 over against their younger brethren.

1 CHAP. XXV.—Moreover David and the captains of the host separated
 to the service of the sons of Asaph, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun,
 who should prophesy with harps, with psalteries, and with cymbals :
 2 and the number of the workmen according to their service was : Of
 the sons of Asaph ; Zaccur, and Joseph, and Nethaniah, and Asarelah,
 the sons of Asaph under the hands of Asaph, who prophesied
 3 according to the order of the king. Of Jeduthun : the sons of
 Jeduthun ; Gedaliah, and Zeri, and Jeshaiiah, Hashabiah, and Matti-
 thiah, six, under the hands of their father Jeduthun, who prophesied
 4 with a harp, to give thanks and to praise the Eternal. Of Heman : the
 sons of Heman ; Bukkiah, Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shebuel, and Jeri-
 moth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, and Romamti-ezer,
 5 Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, *and* Mahazioth : All these *were* the
 sons of Heman the king's seer in the words of God, to lift up the
 horn. And God gave to Heman fourteen sons and three daughters.
 6 All these *were* under the hands of their father for song *in* the house
 of the Eternal, with cymbals, psalteries, and harps, for the service of
 the house of God, according to the king's order to Asaph, Jeduthun,
 7 and Heman. So the number of them, with their brethren that were
 instructed in the songs of the Eternal, *even* all that were cunning, was
 8 two hundred fourscore and eight. And they cast lots, ward against

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- 9 *ward*, as well the small as the great, the teacher as the scholar. Now the first lot came forth for Asaph to Joseph: the second to Gedaliah, who with his brethren and sons *were* twelve:
- 10 The third to Zaccur, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
- 11 The fourth to Izri, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
- 12 The fifth to Nethaniah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
- 13 The sixth to Bukkiah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
- 14 The seventh to Jesharelah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
- 15 The eighth to Jeshaiiah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
- 16 The ninth to Mattaniah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
- 17 The tenth to Shimei, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
- 18 The eleventh to Azareel, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
- 19 The twelfth to Hashabiah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
- 20 The thirteenth to Shubael, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
- 21 The fourteenth to Mattithiah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
- 22 The fifteenth to Jerimoth, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
- 23 The sixteenth to Hananiah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
- 24 The seventeenth to Joshbekashah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
- 25 The eighteenth to Hanani, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
- 26 The nineteenth to Mallothi, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
- 27 The twentieth to Eliathah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
- 28 The one and twentieth to Hothir, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
- 29 The two and twentieth to Giddalti, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
- 30 The three and twentieth to Mahazith, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
- 31 The four and twentieth to Romamtiezer, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve.

1 CHAP. XXVI.—Concerning the divisions of the porters: Of the Korhites *was* Meshelemiah the son of Kore, of the sons of Asaph. And the sons of Meshelemiah *were*, Zechariah the firstborn, Jediah the second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the fourth, Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth, Elieoenai the seventh. Moreover the sons of Obed-edom *were*, Shemaiah the firstborn, Jehozabad the second,

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5 Joah the third, and Sacar the fourth, and Nethaneel the fifth, Amiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, Peulthai the eighth : for God
 6 blessed him. Also unto Shemaiah his son were sons born, that ruled throughout the house of their father : for they *were* mighty men of
 7 valour. The sons of Shemaiah ; Othni, and Rephael, and Obed, Elzabad, whose brethren *were* men of valour, Elihu, and Semachiah.
 8 All these of the sons of Obed-edom : they and their sons and their brethren, able men of strength for the service, *were* threescore and
 9 two of Obed-edom. And Meshelemiah had sons and brethren, men
 10 of valour, eighteen. Also Hosah, of the children of Merari, had sons ; Simri the chief,—for *though* he was not the firstborn, yet his father
 11 made him the head ;—Hilkiah the second, Tebaliah the third, Zechariah the fourth : all the sons and brethren of Hosah *were* thirteen,
 12 Among these *were* the divisions of the porters, *even* among the chief men, *having* wards one against another, to minister, in the house of
 13 the Eternal. And they cast lots, as well the small as the great, according to the house of their fathers, for every gate. And the lot
 14 eastward fell to Shelemiah. Then for Zechariah his son, a wise counsellor, they cast lots ; and his lot came out northward. To Obed-edom
 15 southward ; and to his sons the house of Asuphim. To Shuphim and Hosah *the lot came forth* westward, with the gate Shallecheth, by
 17 the causeway of the going up, ward against ward. Eastward *were* six Levites, northward four a day, southward four a day, and towards
 18 Asuphim two *and* two. At Parbar westward, four at the causeway, *and* two at Parbar. These *are* the divisions of the porters among the
 20 sons of Kore, and among the sons of Merari. And of the Levites, Ahijah *was* over the treasures of the house of God, and over the treasures
 21 of the hallowed things. *As concerning* the sons of Laadan ; the sons of the Gershonite Laadan, heads of the fathers, *even* of
 22 Laadan the Gershonite, *were* Jehieli. The sons of Jehieli ; Zetham, and Joel his brother, *who were* over the treasures of the house of the
 23 Eternal. Of the Amramites, *and* the Izharites, the Hebronites, *and* the Uzzielites : And Shebuel the son of Gershom, the son of Moses,
 24 *was* ruler over the treasures. And his brethren by Eliezer ; Rehabiah his son, and Jeshaiah his son, and Joram his son, and Zichri
 26 his son, and Shelomith his son. Which Shelomith and his brethren *were* over all the treasures of the hallowed things, which David the king
 27 and the heads of the fathers, the officers over the thousands and hundreds, and the officers of the host, had hallowed. Out of the spoils won
 in the wars did they hallow to maintain the house of the Eternal.
 28 And all that Samuel the seer, and Saul the son of Kish, and Abner the son of Ner, and Joab the son of Zeruiah, had hallowed ; *and* who-

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soever had hallowed *any thing*, *it was* under the hand of Shelomith
 29 and of his brethren. Of the Izharites, Chenaniah and his sons *were*
 30 for the outward business over Israel, for officers and judges. *And* of
 the Hebronites, Hashabiah and his brethren, men of valour, a
 thousand and seven hundred, *were* officers among them of Israel on this
 side of the Jordan westward in all the business of the Eternal, and in
 31 the service of the king. Among the Hebronites *was* Jerijah the
 head, *even* among the Hebronites, according to the generations of his
 fathers. In the fortieth year of the reign of David they were sought
 for, and there were found among them mighty men of valour at
 32 Jazer of Gilead. And his brethren, men of valour, *were* two
 thousand and seven hundred heads of the fathers, whom king David
 appointed over the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half tribe of
 Manasseh, for every matter pertaining to God, and every matter
 of the king.

1 CHAP. XXVII.—Now the children of Israel after their number, *to wit*,
 the heads of the fathers, and officers of the thousands and the hundreds,
 and their bailiffs that served the king in any matter of the courses,
 which came in and went out month by month throughout all the months
 2 of the year, of every course were twenty and four thousand. Over the
 first course of the first month *was* Jashobeam the son of Zabdiel:
 3 and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand. Of the children
 of Perez *was* the head of all the officers of the host for the first
 4 month. And over the course of the second month *was* Dodai an
 Ahoite, and of his course *was* Mikloth also the ruler: in his course
 5 likewise *were* twenty and four thousand. The third officer of the
 host for the third month *was* Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, a chief
 6 priest: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand. This *is*
 . *that* Benaiah, *who was* mighty among the thirty, and above the thirty:
 7 and in his course *was* Ammizabad his son. The fourth *captain* for
 the fourth month *was* Asahel the brother of Joab, and Zebadiah his
 son after him: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.
 8 The fifth officer for the fifth month *was* Shamhuth the Izrahite: and
 9 in his course *were* twenty and four thousand. The sixth *captain* for
 the sixth month *was* Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite: and in his
 10 course *were* twenty and four thousand. The seventh *captain* for the
 seventh month *was* Helez the Pelonite, of the children of Ephraim:
 11 and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand. The eighth *captain*
 for the eighth month *was* Sibbecai the Hushathite, of the Zarahites:

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12 and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand. The ninth *captain*
 for the ninth month *was* Abiezer the Anetothite, of the Benjamites :
 13 and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand. The tenth *captain*
 for the tenth month *was* Maharai the Netophathite, of the Zarhites :
 14 and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand. The eleventh
captain for the eleventh month *was* Benaiah the Pirathonite, of
 the children of Ephraim : and in his course *were* twenty and four
 15 thousand. The twelfth *captain* for the twelfth month *was* Heldai the
 Netophathite, of Othniel : and in his course *were* twenty and four
 16 thousand. Furthermore over the tribes of Israel : the ruler of the
 Reubenites *was* Eliezer the son of Zichri : of the Simeonites, She-
 17 phatiah the son of Maachah : Of the Levites, Hashabiah the son of
 18 Kemuel : of the Aaronites, Zadok : Of Judah, Elihu, *one* of the
 19 brethren of David : of Issachar, Omri the son of Michael : Of
 Zebulun, Ishmaiah the son of Obadiah : of Naphtali, Jerimoth the
 20 son of Azriel : Of the children of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of
 21 Azaziah : of the half tribe of Manasseh, Joel the son of Pedaiah : Of
 the half *tribe* of Manasseh in Gilead, Iddo the son of Zechariah : of
 22 Benjamin, Jaasiel the son of Abner : Of Dan, Azareel the son of
 23 Jeroham. These *were* the officers of the tribes of Israel. But David
 took not the number of them from twenty years old and under :
 because the Eternal had said he would increase Israel like to the stars
 24 of the heavens. Joab the son of Zeruiah began to number, but he
 finished not, because there fell wrath for it against Israel ; neither
 was the number put in the account of the chronicles of king David.
 25 And over the king's treasures *was* Azmaveth the son of Adiel : and
 over the storehouses in the fields, in the cities, and in the villages,
 26 and in the castles, *was* Jehonathan the son of Uzziah : And over
 them that did the work of the field for tillage of the ground *was* Ezli
 27 the son of Chelub : And over the vineyards *was* Shimei the Rama-
 thite : over the increase of the vineyards for the wine stores *was*
 28 Zabdi the Shiphmite : And over the olive trees and the sycamore
 trees that *were* in the low plains *was* Baal-hanan the Gederite : and
 29 over the stores of oil *was* Joash : And over the herds that fed in
 Sharon *was* Shitrai the Sharonite : and over the herds *that were* in
 30 the valleys *was* Shaphat the son of Adlai : Over the camels also
was Obil the Ishmaelite : and over the asses *was* Jehdeiah the Mero-
 31 nothite : And over the flocks *was* Jaziz the Hagerite. All these

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32 *were* the officers over the substance which *was* king David's. Also Jonathan David's uncle was a counsellor, a wise man, and a scribe :
 33 and Jehiel the son of Hachmoni *was* with the king's sons : And Ahitophel *was* the king's counsellor : and Hushai the Archite *was*
 34 the king's companion : And after Ahitophel *was* Jehoiada the son of Benaiah, and Abiathar : and the captain¹ of the king's host *was* Joab.

1 CHAP. XXVIII.—And David assembled all the officers of Israel, the officers of the tribes, and the officers of the companies that ministered to the king by course, and the officers over the thousands, and the officers over the hundreds, and the stewards² over all the substance and possession of the king, and of his sons, with the officers, and with the mighty men, and with the valiant men, unto Jerusalem.
 2 Then David the king stood upon his feet, and said, Hear me, my brethren, and my people : *As for me*, I *had* in my heart to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the Eternal, and for the
 3 footstool of our God, and had made ready for the building : But God said unto me, Thou shalt not build a house for my name, because
 4 thou *hast been* a man of war, and hast shed blood. Howbeit the Eternal God of Israel chose me before all the house of my father to be king over Israel for ever : for he hath chosen Judah *to be* the ruler ; and of the house of Judah, the house of my father : and among the sons of my father he liked me to make *me* king over all Israel.
 5 And of all my sons—for the Eternal hath given me many sons—he hath chosen Solomon my son to sit upon the throne of the kingdom
 6 of the Eternal over Israel. And he said unto me, Solomon thy son, he shall build my house and my courts : for I have chosen him *to be*
 7 my son, and I will be his father. Moreover I will establish his kingdom for ever, if he be constant to do my commandments and my
 8 judgments, as at this day. Now therefore in the eyes of all Israel the congregation of the Eternal, and in the audience of our God, keep and seek for all the commandments of the Eternal your God : that ye may possess this good land, and leave *it* for an inheritance
 9 for your children after you for ever. And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing soul : for the Eternal searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts : if thou seek him he will be found of thee ; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee
 10 off for ever. Take heed now : for the Eternal hath chosen thee to
 11 build a house for the sanctuary : be strong, and do *it*. Then David gave to Solomon his son the pattern of the porch, and of the houses thereof, and of the treasures thereof, and of the upper chambers thereof, and of the inner parlours thereof, and of the place of the
 12 cover. And the pattern of all that he had by the spirit, of the courts of the house of the Eternal, and of all the chambers round about, of

¹ officer.

² eunuchs.

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the treasures of the house of God, and of the treasures of the hal-
 13 lowed things : Also for the courses of the priests and the Levites,
 and for all the work of the service of the house of the Eternal, and
 14 for all the vessels of service in the house of the Eternal. *He gave* of
 gold by weight for *things* of gold, for all vessels of all manner of
 service ; *silver also* for all vessels of silver by weight, for all
 15 vessels of every kind of service : Even the weight of the lamp-
 stand of gold, and for their lamps of gold, by weight for every
 lampstand, and for the lamps thereof : and for the lampstand of silver
 by weight, *both* for the lampstand, and *also* for the lamps thereof,
 16 according to the use of every lampstand. And by weight *he gave*
 gold for the tables of shewbread, for every table ; and *likewise* silver
 17 for the tables of silver : Also pure gold for the fleshhooks, and the
 bowls, and the cups : and for the golden basons *he gave gold* by
 weight for every bason ; and *likewise silver* by weight for every bason
 18 of silver ; And for the altar of incense refined gold by weight : and
 gold for the pattern of the chariot of the cherubim that spread out
 19 *their wings*, and covered the ark of the covenant of the Eternal. All
this, said David, the Eternal made me understand in writing by *his*
 20 hand upon me, *even* all the works of this pattern. And David said
 to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do *it* : fear
 not, nor be dismayed : for the Eternal God, *even* my God, *will be*
 with thee ; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast
 finished all the work for the service of the house of the Eternal.
 21 And, behold, the courses of the priests and the Levites, *even they*
shall be with thee for all the service of the house of God : and *there*
shall be with thee for all manner of workmanship every willing skilful
 man, for any manner of service : also the officers and all the people
will be wholly at thy commandment.

1 CHAP. XXIX.—Furthermore David the king said unto all the con-
 gregation, Solomon my son, whom alone God hath chosen, is *yet*
 young and tender, and the work *is* great : for the palace¹ is not for
 2 man, but for the Eternal God. Now I have prepared with all my
 might for the house of my God the gold for *things to be made* of
 gold, and the silver for *things* of silver, and the copper for *things* of
 copper, the iron for *things* of iron, and wood for *things* of wood ; onyx
 stones, and *stones* to be set, glistening stones, and of diver colours,
 and all manner of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance.
 3 Moreover, because I have set my affection to the house of my God,
 I have given, of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, to the
 house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the
 4 holy house, *Even* three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of
 Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the
 5 walls of the houses *withal* : The gold for *things* of gold, and the
 silver for *things* of silver, and for all manner of work *to be made* by
 the hands of artificers. And who *then* is willing to consecrate his
 6 service² this day unto the Eternal ? 'Then the officers of the fathers
 and the officers of the tribes of Israel, and the officers of the thou-

¹ castle.

² to fill his hands.

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sands and of the hundreds, with the officers of the king's work,
7 offered willingly, And gave for the service of the house of God of
gold five thousand talents and ten thousand drams, and of silver ten
thousand talents, and of copper eighteen thousand talents, and one
8 hundred thousand talents of iron. And they with whom *precious*
stones were found gave *them* to the treasure of the house of the
9 Eternal, by the hand of Jehiel the Gershonite. Then the people
rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they
offered willingly to the Eternal: and David the king also rejoiced
10 with great joy. Wherefore David blessed the Eternal before all the
congregation: and David said, Blessed *be* thou, Eternal God of
11 Israel our father, for ever and ever. Thine, O Eternal, *is* the great-
ness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty;
for all *that is* in the heaven and in the earth *is thine*; *thine is* the
12 dominion, O Eternal, and thou art exalted as head above all. Both
riches and honour *come* of thee, and thou rulest over all; and in thy
hand *is* power and might; and in thy hand *it is* to make great, and
13 to give strength unto all. Now therefore, our God, we thank thee,
14 and praise thy glorious name. But who *am* I, and what *is* my
people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for
15 all things *come* of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. For
we *are* strangers before thee, and sojourners, as *were* all our fathers:
16 our days on the earth *are* as a shadow, and *there is* none abiding. O
Eternal our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee a
17 house for thy holy name *cometh* of thy hand, and *is* all thy own. I
know also, my God, that thou triest the heart, and hast pleasure in
uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of my heart I have
willingly offered all these things: and now have I seen with joy thy
18 people, who are present here, to offer willingly unto thee. O
Eternal God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep
this for ever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy
19 people, and prepare their heart unto thee: And give unto Solomon
my son a perfect heart, to keep thy commandments, thy testimonies,
and thy statutes, and to do all *these things*, and to build the palace,¹
20 for the which I have made provision. And David said to all the
congregation, Now bless the Eternal your God. And all the con-
gregation blessed the Eternal God of their fathers, and bowed down
their heads, and prostrated themselves before the Eternal, and the
21 king. And they sacrificed sacrifices unto the Eternal, and offered
burnt offerings unto the Eternal, on the morrow after that day, *even*
a thousand bulls, a thousand rams, *and* a thousand lambs, with their

¹ castle.

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- 22 drink offerings, and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel: And did eat and drink before the Eternal on that day with great gladness. And they made Solomon the son of David king the second time, and anointed *him* unto the Eternal *to be* leader, and Zadok *to be* priest.
- 23 Then Solomon sat on the throne of the Eternal as king instead of
- 24 David his father, and prospered; and all Israel obeyed him. And all the officers, and the heroes, and all the sons likewise of king David,
- 25 submitted themselves unto Solomon the king. And the Eternal magnified Solomon exceedingly in the eyes of all Israel, and bestowed upon him *such* royal majesty as had not been on any king before
- 26 him in Israel. Thus David the son of Jesse reigned over all
- 27 Israel. And the time that he reigned over Israel *was* forty years; seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three *years*
- 28 reigned he in Jerusalem. And he died in a good old age, full of days, riches, and honour: and Solomon his son reigned in his stead.
- 29 Now the acts¹ of David the king, the first and the last, behold they *are* written in the book of Samuel the seer, and in the book of
- 30 Nathan the prophet, and in the book of Gad the seer, With all his reign and his might, and the times that went over him, and over Israel, and over all the kingdoms of the countries.
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THE SECOND BOOK OF THE CHRONICLES.

- 1 CHAP. I.—And Solomon the son of David was strengthened in his kingdom, and the Eternal his God *was* with him, and magnified
- 2 him exceedingly. Then Solomon spake unto all Israel, to the officers of the thousands and of hundreds, and to the judges, and to
- 3 every prince in all Israel, the heads of the fathers. So Solomon, and all the congregations with him, went to the high place that *was* at

¹ words.

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Gibeon ; for there was the God's appointed tent, which Moses the
4 servant of the Eternal had made in the desert. But the ark of God
had David brought up from Kirjath-jearim to *the place which* David
had prepared for it : for he had pitched a tent for it at Jerusalem.
5 Moreover the copper altar, that Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of
Hur, had made, he put before the dwelling of the Eternal : and
6 Solomon and the congregation sought unto it. And Solomon went
up thither to the copper altar before the Eternal, which *was* at the
7 appointed tent, and offered a thousand burnt offerings upon it. In
that night did God appear unto Solomon, and said unto him, Ask
8 what I shall give thee. And Solomon said unto God, Thou hast
shewed¹ great mercy unto David my father, and hast made me to
9 reign in his stead. Now, O Eternal God, let thy word unto David
my father be verified : for thou hast made me king over a people like
10 the dust of the earth in multitude. Give me now wisdom and know-
ledge, that I may go out and come in before this people : for who
11 can judge this thy people, *that is* so great ? And God said to Solo-
mon, Because this was in thy heart, and thou hast not asked riches,
wealth, or honour, nor the life of thine enemies, neither yet hast
asked long life ; but hast asked wisdom and knowledge for thyself,
that thou mayest judge my people, over whom I have made thee
12 king : Wisdom and knowledge *is* granted unto thee ; and I will
give thee riches, and wealth, and honour, such as none of the kings
have had that *have been* before thee, neither shall there any after
13 thee have the like. Then Solomon came *from his journey* to the
high place that *was* at Gibeon to Jerusalem, from before the ap-
14 pointed tent, and reigned over Israel. And Solomon gathered cha-
riots and horsemen : and he had a thousand and four hundred
chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, which he placed in the
15 chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem. And the king made
the silver and gold at Jerusalem *as plenteous* as stones, and the cedar
trees made he as the sycomore trees that *are* in the vale for abund-
16 ance. And the importation of the horses which belonged to Solo-
mon was from Egypt : and a company of the king's merchants took
17 the troop at a price. And they fetched up, and brought forth out of
Egypt a chariot for six hundred *shekels* of silver, and a horse for a
hundred and fifty : and so brought they out *horses* for all the kings
18 of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, by their means. And
Solomon determined to build a house for the name of the Eternal,
and a house for his kingdom.

¹ done.

II. CHRONICLES, II.

1 CHAP. II.—And Solomon told out threescore and ten thousand men
to bear burdens, and fourscore thousand to hew in the mountain,
2 and three thousand and six hundred to direct them. And Solomon
sent to Hiram the king of Tyre, saying, As thou didst deal with
David my father, and didst send him cedars to build him a house to
3 dwell therein, *even so deal with me*. Behold, I build a house to the
name of the Eternal my God, to sanctify *it* to him, *and* to burn
before him incense of aromatics, and for the continual shewbread,
and for burnt offerings in the morning and evening, on the sabbaths,
and on the new moons, and on the appointed seasons of the Eternal
4 our God. *This is an ordinance* for ever to Israel. And the house
5 which I build *is* great: for great *is* our God above all gods. But
who is able to build him a house, seeing the heaven and heaven of
heavens cannot contain him? who *am* I then, that I should build
6 him a house, save only to burn sacrifice before him? Send me now
therefore a man cunning to work in the gold, and in the silver, and
in the copper, and in the iron, and in the red purple, and crimson,
and blue purple, and that can skill to grave with the cunning men
that *are* with me in Judah and in Jerusalem, whom David my father
7 did provide. Send me also cedar trees, fir trees, and algum trees, out of
the Lebanon: for I know that thy servants can skill to cut timber in
8 the Lebanon; and behold my servants *shall be* with thy servants, Even
to prepare me timber in abundance; for the house which I am about
9 to build *shall be* wonderful great. And, behold, I will give to thy
servants, the hewers that cut timber, twenty thousand cors of beaten
wheat, and twenty thousand cors of barley, and twenty thousand
10 baths of wine, and twenty thousand baths of oil. Then Hiram the
king of Tyre answered in writing, which he sent to Solomon, Be-
cause the Eternal hath loved his people he hath made thee king over
11 them. Hiram said moreover, Blessed *be* the Eternal God of Israel
that made heaven and earth, who hath given to David the king a
wise son, endued with prudence and understanding, that might build
12 a house for the Eternal, and a house for his kingdom. And now I
have sent a cunning man, endued with understanding, Hiram
13 Abi, The son of a woman of the daughters of Dan, and his
father *was* a man of Tyre, skilful to work in the gold, and in the sil-
ver, in the copper, in the iron, in the stone, and in the timber, in the
red purple, in the blue purple, and in the fine linen, and in the crim-
son; also to grave any manner of graving, and to find out every
device which shall be put to him, with thy cunning men, and with

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14 the cunning men of my lord David thy father. Now therefore the wheat, and the barley, the oil, and the wine, which my lord
 15 hath spoken of, let him send unto his servants : And we will cut wood out of the Lebanon, as much as thou shalt need : and we will bring it to thee in flotes by sea to Joppa ; and thou shalt carry it up
 16 to Jerusalem. And Solomon numbered all the strangers that *were* in the land of Israel, after the numbering wherewith David his father had numbered them ; and they were found a hundred and fifty thousand and three thousand and six hundred. And he set threescore and ten thousand of them *to be* bearers of burdens, and fourscore thousand *to be* hewers in the mountain, and three thousand and six hundred directors to set the people a work.

1 CHAP. III.—Then Solomon began to build the house of the Eternal at Jerusalem in mount Moriah, where the Eternal appeared unto David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the barn
 2 of Ornan the Jebusite. And he began to build in the second *day*
 3 of the second month, in the fourth year of his reign. Now these *are the things wherein* Solomon was instructed for the building of the house of God. The length by cubits after the first measure *was*
 4 threescore cubits, and the breadth twenty cubits. And the porch that *was* in the front *of the house*, the length *of it was* according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and the height *was* a hundred and twenty : and he overlaid it within with pure gold. And the greater house he ceiled with fir tree, which he overlaid with fine
 5 gold, and set thereon palm trees and chains. And he overlaid the house with precious stones for beauty : and the gold *was* gold of
 6 Parvaim. He overlaid also the house, the beams, the posts, and the walls thereof, and the doors thereof, with gold ; and graved cherubim
 7 on the walls. And he made the most holy house, the length whereof *was* according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits : and he overlaid it with fine
 8 gold, *amounting* to six hundred talents. And the weight of the nails *was* fifty shekels of gold. And he overlaid the upper chambers with
 9 gold. And in the most holy house he made two cherubim of image
 10 work, and overlaid them with gold. And the wings of the cherubim *were* twenty cubits long : one wing *of the one cherub was* five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house : and the other wing *was likewise*
 11 five cubits, reaching to the wing of the other cherub. And *one* wing of the other cherub *was* five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house : and the other wing *was* five cubits *also*, joining to the wing of the
 12 other cherub. The wings of these cherubim spread themselves forth twenty cubits : and they stood on their feet, and their faces *were*
 13 inward. And he made the vail *of* blue purple, and red purple, and

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15 crimson, and fine linen, and wrought cherubim thereon. Also he made before the house two columns of thirty and five cubits high, and the chapter that *was* on the top of each of them *was* five cubits.
16 And he made chains, *as* in the oracle, and put *them* on the heads of the columns; and made a hundred pomegranates, and put *them* on
17 the chains. And he reared up the columns before the temple, one on the right hand, and the other on the left; and called the name of that on the right hand Jachin, and the name of that on the left Boaz.

1 CHAP. IV.—Moreover he made an altar of copper twenty cubits the length thereof, and twenty cubits the breadth thereof, and ten cubits
2 the height thereof: Also he made the molten sea of ten cubits from brim to brim, round in compass, and five cubits the height thereof; and a line of thirty cubits did compass it round about.
3 And under it *was* the similitude of oxen,¹ which did compass it round about: ten in a cubit, compassing the sea round about. Two rows
4 of oxen¹ *were* cast, when it was cast. It stood upon twelve oxen,¹ three looking towards the north, and three looking towards the west, and three looking towards the south, and three looking towards the east: and the sea *was set* above upon them, and all their hinder
5 parts *were* inward. And the thickness of it *was* a handbreadth, and the brim of it like the work of the brim of a cup, with flowers of
6 roses; *and* it received and held three thousand baths. He made also ten lavers, and put five on the right hand, and five on the left, to bathe in them: such things as they offered for the burnt offering they washed in them; but the sea *was* for the priests to bathe in.
7 And he made ten lampstands of gold according to their form, and set
8 them in the temple, five on the right hand, and five on the left. He made also ten tables, and placed *them* in the temple, five on the right side, and five on the left. And he made a hundred basons of
9 gold. Furthermore he made the court of the priests, and the great enclosure, and doors for the enclosure, and overlaid the doors of
10 them with copper. And he set the sea on the right side of the east end, over against the south. And Hiram made the pots and the shovels, and the basons. And Hiram finished the work that he was
12 to make for king Solomon for the house of God: *To wit*, two columns, and the pommels, and the chapters *which were* on the top

¹ a herd

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of the two columns, and the two wreaths to cover the two pommels
 13 of the chapters which *were* on the top of the columns; And the
 four hundred pomegranates on the two wreaths; two rows of pome-
 granates on each wreath, to cover the two pommels of the chapters
 14 which *were* upon the columns. He made also the bases, and the
 15 lavers made he upon the bases; The one sea, and the twelve oxen
 16 under it. The pots also, and the shovels, and the fleshhooks, and
 all their vessels, did Hiram Abiv make to king Solomon for
 17 the house of the Eternal of bright copper. In the circle of the
 Jordan did the king cast them, in the thickness of the ground
 18 between Succoth and Zeredathah. Thus Solomon made all these
 vessels in great abundance: for the weight of the copper was not
 19 ascertained. And Solomon made all the vessels that *were for* the
 house of God, the golden altar also, and the tables whereon the
 20 shewbread *was set*; Moreover the lampstands with their lamps, that
 they should burn after the manner before the oracle, of pure gold;
 21 And the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs, *made he of gold, and*
 22 *that perfect gold*; And the snuffers, and the basons, and the spoons,
 and the censers, *of pure gold*: and the entry of the house, the inner
 doors thereof for the most holy *place*, and the doors of the house of
 the temple *were of gold*.

1 CHAP. V.—Thus all the work that Solomon made for the house of
 the Eternal was completed: and Solomon brought in *all* the things
 that David his father had hallowed; and the silver, and the gold,
 and all the vessels, put he among the treasures of the house of God.
 2 Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of
 the tribes, the princes of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto
 Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Eternal out of
 3 the city of David, which *is* Zion. Wherefore all the men of Israel
 assembled themselves unto the king in the festival which *was* in the
 4 seventh month. And all the elders of Israel came; and the Levites
 5 took up the ark. And they brought up the ark, and the ap-
 pointed tent, and all the holy vessels that were in the tent; these
 6 did the priests *and* the Levites bring up. Also king Solomon, and
 all the congregation of Israel that were with him before the ark by
 appointment sacrificed sheep¹ and oxen,² which could not be told nor
 7 numbered for multitude. And the priests brought in the ark of the
 covenant of the Eternal unto his place, to the oracle of the house,
 8 into the most holy *place*, *even* under the wings of the cherubim: For
 the cherubim spread forth *their* wings over the place of the ark, and

¹ a flock.

² a herd.

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- 9 the cherubim covered the ark and the staves thereof above. And the staves *of the ark* were so long, that the ends of the staves were seen from the ark before the oracle; but they were not seen without.
- 10 And there it is unto this day. *There was* nothing in the ark save the two tables that Moses put *therein* at Horeb, when the Eternal made a *covenant* with the children of Israel, when they came out of
- 11 Egypt. And it came to pass when the priests were come out of the holy *place*—for all the priests *that were* present were sanctified, *and*
- 12 did not *then* wait by course: Also the Levites, *who were* the singers, all of them of Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, *being* arrayed in white linen, having cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them
- 13 a hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets—It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers *were* as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Eternal; and when they lifted up *their* voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the Eternal, *saying*, For *he is* good; for his mercy *endureth* for ever: that *then* the house was filled with
- 14 a cloud, *even* the house of the Eternal, So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the Eternal had filled the house of God.

- 1 CHAP. VI.—Then said Solomon, The Eternal hath said that he
- 2 would dwell in thick darkness. But I have built a house of habita-
- 3 tion for thee, and a place for thy dwelling for ever. And the king turned his face and blessed the whole congregation of Israel: and
- 4 all the congregation of Israel stood. And he said, Blessed *be* the Eternal God of Israel, who hath with his hands fulfilled *that* which
- 5 he spake with his mouth to my father David, saying, Since the day that I brought forth my people out of the land of Egypt I chose no city among all the tribes of Israel to build a house in, that my name might be there; neither chose I any man to be a leader of my people
- 6 Israel: But I have chosen Jerusalem, that my name might be there;
- 7 and have chosen David to be over my people Israel. Now it was in the heart of David my father to build a house for the name of the Eternal
- 8 God of Israel. But the Eternal said to David my father, Forasmuch as it was in thy heart to build a house for my name, thou didst
- 9 well in that it was in thy heart: Notwithstanding thou shalt not build the house; but thy son who shall come forth out of thy loins,
- 10 he shall build the house for my name. The Eternal therefore hath performed his word that he hath spoken: for I am risen up in the room of David my father, and am set on the throne of Israel, as the Eternal promised, and have built the house for the name of the

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- 11 Eternal God of Israel. And in it I have put the ark wherein *is* the covenant of the Eternal, that he made with the children of Israel.
- 12 And he stood before the altar of the Eternal in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands: For Solomon had made a copper scaffold, of five cubits long, and five cubits broad, and three cubits high, and had set it in the midst of the court¹: and upon it he stood, and kneeled down upon his knees before all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands towards heaven,
- 14 And said; O Eternal God of Israel, *there is* no God like thee in the heaven, nor in the earth; who keepest covenant, and *shewest* mercy unto thy servants, that walk before thee with all their hearts: Thou who hast kept with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him; and spakest with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled
- 16 *it* with thy hand, as *it is* this day. Now therefore, O Eternal God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him, saying, There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit upon the throne of Israel; yet so that thy children take heed to their way to walk in my law as thou hast walked before me.
- 17 Now then, O Eternal God of Israel, let thy word be verified, which
- 18 thou hast spoken unto thy servant David. But will God in very deed dwell with men on the earth? behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house which I
- 19 have built! Turn therefore to the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O Eternal my God, to hearken unto the cry and the
- 20 prayer which thy servant prayeth before thee: That thine eyes may be open upon this house day and night, upon the place whereof thou hast said that thou wouldest put thy name there; to hearken unto
- 21 the prayer which thy servant prayeth towards this place. Hearken therefore unto the supplications of thy servant, and of thy people Israel; which they shall make towards this place: hear thou from thy dwelling place, *even* from heaven; and when thou hearest, forgive.
- 22 If a man sin against his fellow, and an oath be laid upon him to make him swear, and the oath come before thine altar in this house;
- 23 Then hear thou from heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, by requiting the wicked, by recompensing his way upon his own head; and by justifying the righteous, by giving him according to his righteousness. And if thy people Israel be put to the worse before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee; and shall return and confess thy name, and pray and make supplication before thee in this house;
- 25 Then hear thou from the heavens, and forgive the sin of thy people

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Israel, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest to them
26 and to their fathers. When the heaven is shut up and there is no
rain, because they have sinned against thee; *yet* if they pray towards
this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou
27 dost afflict them; Then hear thou from heaven, and forgive the sin
of thy servants, and of thy people Israel, when thou hast taught them
the good way wherein they should walk; and send rain upon thy
28 land, which thou hast given unto thy people for an inheritance. If
there be a famine in the land, if there be pestilence, if there be
blasting, or mildew, locusts, or caterpillars; if their enemies besiege
them in the cities of their land; whatsoever affliction, or whatsoever
29 sickness *there be*; Then what prayer or what supplication soever
shall be made of any man, or of all thy people Israel, when every
one shall know his own affliction and his own grief, and shall spread
30 forth his hands in this house; Then hear thou from heaven thy
dwelling place, and forgive, and render unto every man according
unto all his ways, whose heart thou knowest;—for thou only knowest
31 the hearts of the children of men: That they may fear thee, to walk
in thy ways, so long as they live upon the face of the ground which
32 thou gavest unto our fathers. Moreover concerning the alien, which
is not of thy people Israel, but is come from a far country for thy
great name's sake, and thy mighty hand, and thy stretched out arm;
33 if they come and pray in this house; Then hear thou from the
heavens, *even* from thy dwelling place, and do according to all that
the alien calleth to thee for; that all people of the earth may know
thy name, and fear thee, as *doth* thy people Israel, and may know
34 that this house which I have built is called by thy name; If thy
people go out to the war against their enemies by the way that thou
shalt send them, and they pray unto thee towards this city which
thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name;
35 Then hear thou from the heavens their prayer and their supplication,
36 and maintain their cause. If they sin against thee,—for *there is* no
man who sinneth not,—and thou be angry with them, and deliver
them over before *their* enemies, and they carry them away captives
37 unto a land far off or near; Yet *if* they bethink themselves in the
land whither they are carried captive, and turn and pray unto thee
in the land of their captivity, saying, We have sinned, we have done
38 amiss, and have dealt wickedly; If they return to thee with all their
heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, whither
they have carried them captives, and pray towards the land which

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thou gavest unto their fathers, and *towards* the city which thou hast chosen, and towards the house which I have built for thy name :
 39 Then hear thou from the heavens, *even* from thy dwelling place, their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their cause, and forgive
 40 thy people which have sinned against thee. Now, my God, let, I beseech thee, thine eyes be open, and *let* thine ear *be* attent unto the
 41 prayer *that is made* in this place. Now therefore arise, O Eternal God, into thy resting place, thou, and the ark of thy strength : let thy priests, O Eternal God, be clothed with salvation, and let thy
 42 saints rejoice in the goodness. O Eternal God, turn not away the face of thine anointed : remember the mercies of David thy servant.

1 CHAP. VII.—Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from the heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices ; and the glory of the Eternal filled the house.
 2 And the priests could not enter into the house of the Eternal, because
 3 the glory of the Eternal had filled the house of the Eternal. And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the Eternal upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and prostrated themselves, and praised the Eternal, *saying*, For *he is* good ; for his mercy *endureth*
 4 for ever. Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices
 5 before the Eternal. And king Solomon offered a sacrifice of the herd twenty and two thousand, and of the flock a hundred and twenty thousand : so the king and all the people dedicated the house
 6 of God. And the priests waited on their offices : the Levites also with instruments of music of the Eternal, which David the king had made to praise the Eternal, because his mercy *endureth* for ever, when David praised by their ministry ; and the priests sounded
 7 trumpets before them, and all Israel stood. Moreover Solomon hallowed the middle of the court¹ that *was* before the house of the Eternal : for there he offered burnt offerings, and the fat of the feast offerings, because the copper altar which Solomon had made was not able to receive the burnt offerings, and the oblations, and the fat.
 8 Also at the same time Solomon kept the festival seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great congregation, from the entering in of
 9 Hamath unto the brook of Egypt. And in the eighth day they made a restriction : for they kept the dedication of the altar seven
 10 days, and the festival seven days. And on the three and twentieth day of the seventh month he sent the people away into their tents, glad and merry in heart for the goodness that the Eternal had

¹ enclosure.

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11 shewed unto David, and to Solomon, and to Israel his people. Thus Solomon finished the house of the Eternal, and the king's house : and all that came into Solomon's heart to make in the house of the
12 Eternal, and in his own house, he prosperously effected. And the Eternal appeared to Solomon in the night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for a
13 house of sacrifice. If I restrain the heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people ; If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways ; then will I hear from the heaven, and will
15 forgive their sin, and will heal their land. Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer *that is made* in this place.
16 For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there for ever : and mine eyes and my heart shall be there all the
17 days. And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded thee, and shalt observe my statutes and my judgments ; Then will I establish the throne of thy kingdom, according as I have covenanted with David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man *to be*
19 ruler in Israel. But if ye turn away, and forsake my ordinances, and my commandments, which I have set before you, and shall go and
20 serve other gods, and prostrate yourselves to them ; Then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my ground which I have given them ; and this house, which I have sanctified for my name, will I cast out of my sight, and will make it *to be* a proverb and a byword among
21 all nations. And this house, which is high, shall be an astonishment to every one that passeth by it ; so that he shall say, Why hath the
22 Eternal done thus unto this land, and unto this house ? And it shall be answered, Because they forsook the Eternal God of their fathers, who brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods, and prostrated themselves unto them, and served them : therefore hath he brought all this evil upon them.

1 CHAP. VIII.—And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, wherein Solomon had built the house of the Eternal, and his own house,
2 That the cities which Hiram had restored to Solomon, Solomon
3 built them, and caused the children of Israel to dwell there. And
4 Solomon went to Hamath-zobah, and prevailed against it. And he built Tadmor in the desert, and all the store cities, which he built in

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5 Hamath. Also he built Beth-horon the upper, and Beth-horon the
 6 nether, fenced cities, with ramparts, gates, and bars ; And Baalath,
 and all the store cities that Solomon had, and all the chariot cities,
 and the cities of the horsemen, and all that Solomon desired to build
 in Jerusalem, and in the Lebanon, and throughout all the land of his
 7 dominion. *As for* all the people *that were* left of the Hittites, and
 the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites,
 8 which *were* not of Israel, *But* of their children, who were left after
 them in the land, whom the children of Israel consumed not, them
 9 did Solomon make to pay tribute until this day. But of the children
 of Israel did Solomon make no servants for his work ; but they *were*
 men of war, and chief¹ of his captains, and captains¹ of his chariots and
 10 horsemen. And these *were* the chief of king Solomon's officers, *even*
 11 two hundred and fifty, that bare rule over the people. And Solomon
 brought up the daughter of Pharaoh out of the city of David unto
 the house that he had built for her : for he said, No wife of mine
 shall dwell in the house of David king of Israel, because *the places*
 12 *are* holy, whereunto the ark of the Eternal hath come. Then Solo-
 mon offered burnt offerings unto the Eternal on the altar of the Eternal,
 13 which he had built before the porch, Even after a certain rate every
 day, offering according to the commandment of Moses, on the sab-
 baths, and on the new moons, and at the appointed seasons, three
 times in the year, *even* in the festival of unleavened bread, and in the
 14 festival of weeks, and in the festival of booths. And he appointed,
 according to the order of David his father, the courses of the priests
 to their service, and the Levites to their charges, to praise and minister
 before the priests, as the duty of every day required : the porters
 also by their courses at every gate : for so had David the man of God
 15 commanded. And they departed not from the commandment of
 the king unto the priests and Levites concerning any matter, or con-
 16 cerning the treasures. Now all the work of Solomon was prepared
 unto the day of the foundation of the house of the Eternal, and until
 17 it was finished. *So* the house of the Eternal was perfected. Then
 went Solomon to Ezion-geber, and to Eloth, on the border of the sea
 18 in the land of Edom. And Hiram sent him by the hands of his
 servants ships, and servants that had knowledge of the sea ; and they
 went with the servants of Solomon to Ophir, and took thence
 four hundred and fifty talents of gold, and brought *them* to king
 Solomon.

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1 CHAP. IX.—And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, she came to try Solomon with riddles at Jerusalem, with a very great company,¹ and camels that bare spices, and gold in abundance, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she
2 spoke with him of all that was in her heart. And Solomon told her all her questions:² and there was nothing hid from Solomon which
3 he told her not. And when the queen of Sheba had seen the wisdom
4 of Solomon, and the house that he had built, And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel; his cupbearers also, and their apparel: and his ascent by which he went up into the house of the Eternal: there
5 was no more spirit in her. And she said to the king, The thing is true that I heard in mine own land of thine acts, and of thy wisdom:
6 Howbeit I believed not their words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen *it*: and behold the one half of the greatness of thy wisdom was
7 not told me: *for* thou exceedest the fame that I heard. O happiness of thy men, and happiness of these thy servants, who stand
8 continually before thee, and hear thy wisdom. Blessed be the Eternal thy God, who delighted in thee to set thee on his throne, *to be* king for the Eternal thy God: because thy God loved Israel, to establish them for ever, therefore made he thee king over them,
9 to do judgment and justice. And she gave the king a hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices great abundance, and precious stones: neither was there any such spice as the queen of Sheba gave
10 king Solomon. And the servants also of Hiram, and the servants of Solomon, who brought gold from Ophir, brought sandal wood and
11 precious stones. And the king made *of* the sandal wood terraces to the house of the Eternal, and to the king's palace, and harps and psalteries for singers: and there were none such seen before in the
12 land of Judah. And king Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatsoever she asked, beside *that* which she had brought unto the king. So she turned and went away unto her own land,
13 she and her servants. Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred and threescore and six talents of gold,
14 Beside *that which* the trading men and merchants brought. And all the kings of Arabia and pashaws of the country brought gold and
15 silver to Solomon. And king Solomon made two hundred bucklers

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of beaten gold: six hundred *shekels* of beaten gold went to one
 16 buckler. And three hundred shields *made he of* beaten gold:
 three hundred *shekels* of gold went to one shield. And the
 king put them in the house of the forest of the Lebanon.
 17 Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid
 18 it with pure gold. And *there were* six steps to the throne, with
 a footstool of gold, *which were* fastened to the throne, and stays
 on each side of the sitting place, and two lions standing by the
 19 stays. And twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the
 other upon the six steps. There was not the like made in any
 20 kingdom. And all the drinking vessels of king Solomon *were of*
 gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of the Lebanon
were of pure gold: none *were of* silver; it was *not* anything ac-
 21 counted of in the days of Solomon. For the king's ships went to
 Tarshish with the servants of Hiram: every three years once came
 the ships of Tarshish bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and
 22 peacocks. And king Solomon passed all the kings of the earth in
 23 riches and wisdom. And all the kings of the earth sought the pre-
 sence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom, that God had put in his heart.
 24 And they brought every man his present, vessels of silver and vessels
 of gold, and outer garments, armour, and spices, horses, and mules,
 25 a rate year by year. And Solomon had four thousand stalls for
 horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen; whom he
 26 bestowed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem. And
 he ruled over all the kings from the river even unto the land of the
 27 Philistines, and to the border of Egypt. And the king made the
 silver in Jerusalem as the stones, and the cedar trees made he as the
 28 sycamore trees that *are* in the low plains in abundance. And they
 brought unto Solomon horses out of Egypt, and out of all lands.
 29 Now the rest of the acts¹ of Solomon, the first and the last, *are* they not
 written in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the prophecy of
 Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of Iddo the seer against
 30 Jeroboam the son of Nebat? And Solomon reigned in Jerusalem
 31 over all Israel forty years. And Solomon lay with his fathers, and
 he was buried in the city of David his father: and Rehoboam his
 son reigned in his stead.

1 CHAP. X.—And Rehoboam went to Shechem: for to Shechem were
 2 all Israel come to make him king. And it came to pass when
 Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who *was* in Egypt, whither he had fled
 from the presence of Solomon the king, heard *it*, that Jeroboam

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3 returned out of Egypt. And they sent and called him. So Jero-
4 boam and all Israel came and spake to Rehoboam, saying, Thy
father made our yoke grievous: now therefore ease thou somewhat
the grievous servitude of thy father, and his heavy yoke that he put
5 upon us, and we will serve thee. And he said unto them, Come
6 again unto me after three days. And the people departed. And
king Rehoboam took counsel with the old men that had stood before
Solomon his father while he yet lived, saying, What counsel give ye
7 me to return answer to this people? And they spake unto him,
saying, If thou be kind to this people, and please them, and speak
8 good words to them, they will be thy servants for ever. But he for-
sook the counsel which the old men gave him, and took counsel
with the young men that were brought up with him, that stood before
9 him. And he said unto them, What counsel give ye that we may
return answer to this people, which have spoken to me, saying, Ease
10 somewhat the yoke that thy father did put upon us? And the young
men that were brought up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus
shalt thou answer the people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy
father made our yoke heavy, but make thou *it* somewhat lighter for
us, thus shalt thou say unto them, My little *finger* shall be thicker
11 than my father's loins. For whereas my father put a heavy yoke
upon you, I will put more to your yoke: my father chastised you
12 with whips, but I *will chastise you* with scorpions. So Jeroboam and
all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day, as the king bade,
13 saying, Come again to me on the third day. And the king answered
them roughly, and king Rehoboam forsook the counsel of the old
14 men, And answered them after the counsel of the young men, say-
ing, My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add thereto: my
father chastised you with whips, but I *will chastise you* with scor-
15 pions. So the king hearkened not unto the people: for the cause
was of God, that the Eternal might perform his word, which he
spake by the hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of
16 Nebat. And when all Israel *saw* that the king would not hearken
unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have
we in David, and *we have* none inheritance in the son of Jesse: every
man to your tents, O Israel: *and* now, David, see to thine own
17 house. So all Israel went to their tents. But *as for* the children of
Israel that dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over
18 them. Then king Rehoboam sent Hadoram that *was* over the tri-

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bute ; and the children of Israel stoned him with stones, that he died,
 But king Rehoboam made speed to get him up to *his* chariot, to flee
 19 to Jerusalem. And Israel rebelled against the house of David unto
 this day.

1 CHAP. XI.—And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he
 gathered the house of Judah and Benjamin a hundred and fourscore
 thousand chosen *men*, who were warriors, to fight against Israel, that
 2 he might bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam. But the word of
 3 the Eternal came to Shemaiah the man of God, saying, Say unto
 Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel in
 4 Judah and Benjamin, saying, Thus saith the Eternal ; Ye shall
 not go up, nor fight against your brethren · return every man to his
 house : for this thing is done of me. And they obeyed the words
 5 of the Eternal, and returned from going against Jeroboam. And
 Rehoboam dwelt in Jerusalem, and built cities for defence in Judah.
 6 7 He built even Beth-lehem, and Etam, and Tekoa, And Beth-zur,
 8 and Shoco, and Adullam, And Gath, and Mareshah, and Ziph,
 9 10 And Adoraim, and Lachish, and Azekah, And Zorah, and
 Aijalon, and Hebron, which *are* in Judah and in Benjamin fenced
 11 cities. And he fortified the strong holds, and put leaders in them,
 12 and store of victual, and of oil and wine. And in every several city
he put bucklers and spears, and made them exceeding strong, having
 13 Judah and Benjamin on his side. And the priests and the Levites
 that *were* in all Israel resorted to him out of all their boundaries.
 14 For the Levites left their suburbs and their possession, and came to
 Judah and Jerusalem : for Jeroboam and his sons had cast them off
 15 from executing the priest's office unto the Eternal : And he
 ordained him priests for the high places, and for the devils,¹ and for
 16 the calves which he had made. And after them out of all the tribes
 of Israel such as set their hearts to seek the Eternal God of Israel
 came to Jerusalem, to sacrifice unto the Eternal God of their fathers.
 17 So they strengthened the kingdom of Judah, and made Rehoboam
 the son of Solomon strong, three years : for three years they walked
 18 in the way of David and Solomon. And Rehoboam took him Maha-
 lath the daughter of Jerimoth the son of David to wife, *and* Abihail
 19 the daughter of Eliab the son of Jesse ; Who bare him children ;
 20 Jeush, and Shamariah, and Zaham. And after her he took Maachah
 the daughter of Absalom ; who bare him Abijah, and Attai, and Ziza,

¹ he-goats.

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21 and Shelomith. And Rehoboam loved Maachah the daughter of Absalom above all his wives and his concubines : for he took eighteen wives and threescore concubines ; and begat twenty and eight sons, and threescore daughters. And Rehoboam made Abijah the son of Maachah the chief, *to be* leader among his brethren : for *he thought* to make him king. And he dealt wisely, and dispersed of all his children throughout all the countries of Judah and Benjamin, unto every fenced city : and he gave them victual in abundance. And he desired many wives.

1 CHAP. XII.—And it came to pass, when Rehoboam had established the kingdom, and had strengthened himself, he forsook the law of the Eternal, and all Israel with him. And it came to pass, *that* in the fifth year of king Rehoboam Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, because they had transgressed against the Eternal, With twelve hundred chariots, and threescore thousand horsemen : and the people *were* without number that came with him out of Egypt ; the Lubim, the Sukkiim, and the Cushim. And he took the fenced cities which *pertained* to Judah, and came to Jerusalem. Then came Shemaiah the prophet to Rehoboam, and *to* the princes¹ of Judah, that were gathered together to Jerusalem because of Shishak, and said unto them, Thus saith the Eternal, Ye have forsaken me, and therefore have I also forsaken you in the hand of Shishak. Whereupon the princes¹ of Israel and the king humbled themselves ; and they said, The Eternal *is* righteous. And when the Eternal saw that they humbled themselves, the word of the Eternal came to Shemaiah, saying, They have humbled themselves : *therefore* I will not destroy them, but I will grant them some deliverance ; and my wrath shall not be poured out upon Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak. Nevertheless they shall be his servants : that they may know my service, and the service of the kingdoms of the countries. So Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, and took away the treasures of the house of the Eternal, and the treasures of the king's house ; he took all : he carried away also the shields of gold which Solomon had made, Instead of which king Rehoboam made shields of copper, and committed *them* to the hands of the officers of the runners, that kept the entrance of the king's house. And when the king entered into the house of the Eternal, the runners came and fetched them, and brought them again into the chamber of the runners. And when he humbled himself, the wrath of the Eternal turned from him, that he would not destroy *him* altogether : and also in Judah things went well.² So king Rehoboam strengthened himself in Jerusalem, and reigned : for Rehoboam *was* one and forty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the Eternal had chosen

¹ officers.

² were good things.

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out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there. And his
 14 mother's name *was* Naamah an Ammonitess. And he did evil,
 15 because he prepared not his heart to inquire after the Eternal. Now
 the acts¹ of Rehoboam, the first and last, *are* they not written in the
 book of Shemaiah the prophet, and of Iddo the seer concerning
 genealogies? And *there were* wars between Rehoboam and Jero-
 16 boam continually. And Rehoboam lay with his fathers, and was
 buried in the city of David: and Abijah his son reigned in his
 stead.

1 CHAP. XIII.—Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam began
 2 Abijah to reign over Judah. He reigned three years in Jerusalem.
 His mother's name also *was* Michaiah the daughter of Uriel of
 3 Gibeah. And there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam. And
 Abijah set the battle in array² with an army of valiant men of war,
even four hundred thousand chosen men: Jeroboam also set the battle
 in array against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, *being*
 4 mighty men of valour. And Abijah stood up upon mount Zema-
 rain, which *is* in mount Ephraim, and said, Hear me, thou Jeroboam,
 5 and all Israel: Ought ye not to know that the Eternal God of Israel
 gave *the* kingdom over Israel to David for ever, *even* to him and to
 6 his sons *by* a covenant of salt? Yet Jeroboam the son of Nebat,
 the servant of Solomon the son of David, is risen up, and hath
 7 rebelled against his lord. And there are gathered unto him vain
 men, sons of perdition, and have strengthened themselves against
 Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young and
 8 tender-hearted, and could not withstand them. And now ye think to
 withstand the kingdom of the Eternal in the hand of the sons of
 David; and ye *are* a great multitude, and *there are* with you golden
 9 calves, which Jeroboam made you for gods. Have ye not cast out
 the priests of the Eternal, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and
 have made you priests after the manner of the peoples of *other*
 lands? so that whosoever cometh to consecrate himself³ with a young
 bull and seven rams, *the same* may be a priest of *them that are* no
 10 gods. But as for us, the Eternal *is* our God, and we have not for-
 saken him; and the priests, who minister unto the Eternal, *are* the
 11 sons of Aaron, and the Levites *wait* upon *their* business: And they
 cause to ascend in fumes unto the Eternal every morning and every
 evening burnt sacrifices and sweet incense: the shewbread also *set*
they in order upon the pure table; and the lampstand of gold
 with the lamps thereof, to burn every evening: for we keep the

¹ words.

² bound the war.

³ till his hands.

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12 charge of the Eternal our God; but ye have forsaken him. And, behold, God himself *is* with us for *our* chief, and his priests with sounding trumpets to cry alarm against you. O children of Israel, fight ye not against the Eternal God of your fathers; for ye shall
 13 not prosper. But Jeroboam caused an ambushment to come about behind them: so they were before Judah, and the ambushment *was*
 14 behind them. And when Judah turned back, behold, the war *was* before and behind: and they cried unto the Eternal, and the priests
 15 sounded with the trumpets. Then the men of Judah gave a shout: and as the men of Judah shouted, it came to pass, that God smote
 16 Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah. And the children of Israel fled before Judah: and God gave them into their hand.
 17 And Abijah and his people smote them with great slaughter: so there fell down slain of Israel five hundred thousand chosen men.
 18 Thus the children of Israel were humbled at that time, and the children of Judah prevailed, because they relied upon the Eternal
 19 God of their fathers. And Abijah pursued after Jeroboam, and took cities from him, Beth-el with the towns thereof, and Jeshanah with the towns thereof, and Ephraim with the towns
 20 thereof. Neither did Jeroboam recover strength again in the days
 21 of Abijah: and the Eternal afflicted him, and he died. But Abijah waxed mighty, and married fourteen wives, and begat twenty and two
 22 sons, and sixteen daughters. And the rest of the acts¹ of Abijah, and his ways and his sayings, *are* written in the commentary of the prophet Iddo. So Abijah lay with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David: and Asa his son reigned in his stead. In his
 23 days the land was quiet ten years.

1 CHAP. XIV.—And Asa did *that which was* good and right in the
 2 eyes of the Eternal his God: For he removed the altars of the alien
 3 *gods*, and the high places, and brake down the images, and cut down
 3 asherim:² And commanded Judah to inquire after the Eternal God
 4 of their fathers, and to do the law and the commandment. Also he removed out of all the cities of Judah the high places and the sun
 5 images: and the kingdom was quiet before him. And he built fenced cities in Judah: for the land had rest, and he had no war in
 6 those years; because the Eternal had given him rest. Therefore he said unto Judah, Let us build these cities, and make about *them* ramparts, and towers, gates, and bars, *while* the land *is* yet before us; because we have inquired after the Eternal our God, we have inquired after *him*, and he hath given us rest on every side. So they

¹ words.

² the happy ones.

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7 built and prospered. And Asa had an army *of men* that bare bucklers and spears, out of Judah three hundred thousand; and out of Benjamin, that bare shields and drew bows, two hundred and four-
 8 score thousand: all these *were* mighty men of valour. And there came out against them Zerah the Cushite with an army of a thousand thousand, and three hundred chariots; and came unto Mare-
 9 shah. Then Asa went out against him, and they set the battle in array in the glen of Zephathah at Mareshah. And Asa called unto the Eternal his God, and said, Eternal, *it is* nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power: help us, O Eternal our God; for we rely on thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude. O Eternal, thou *art* our God; let not man
 11 prevail against thee. So the Eternal smote the Cushim before Asa, 12 and before Judah; and the Cushim fled. And Asa and the people that *were* with him pursued them unto Gerar: and there fell of the Cushim who had no provisions; for they were shattered before the Eternal, and before his host; and they carried away very much
 13 spoil. And they smote all the cities round about Gerar; for the dread of the Eternal came upon them: and they spoiled all the
 14 cities; for there was exceeding much spoil in them. They smote also the tents of cattle, and carried away flocks and camels in abundance, and returned to Jerusalem.

1 CHAP. XV.—And the Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of
 2 Oded: And he went out to meet Asa, and said unto him, Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; the Eternal *is* with you, while ye be with him; and if ye inquire after him, he will be found
 3 of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you. Now for a long season Israel *hath been* without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law. But when they in their trouble did turn
 4 unto the Eternal God of Israel, and sought him, he was found of them.
 5 And in those times *there was* no peace to him that went out, nor to him that came in, but great confusions *were* among all the inhabitants
 6 of the countries. And nation was driven against nation, and city against city: for God did confound them with every trouble. Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands relax: for there is reward for
 8 your work. And when Asa heard these words, and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage, and put away the abominable idols out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which he had taken from mount Ephraim, and renewed the altar of
 9 the Eternal, that *was* before the porch of the Eternal. And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and the strangers with them out of Ephraim and Manasseh, and out of Simeon: for they fell to him

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out of Israel in abundance, when they saw that the Eternal his God
10 *was* with him. So they gathered themselves together at Jerusalem
11 in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa. And
they sacrificed unto the Eternal the same time, of the spoil *which*
they had brought, seven hundred of the herd and seven thousand of
12 the flock. And they entered into a covenant to inquire after the
Eternal God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their
13 soul ; That whosoever would not inquire after the Eternal God of
Israel should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man
14 or woman. And they sware unto the Eternal with a loud voice, and
15 with shouting, and with trumpets, and with cornets. And all Judah
rejoiced at the oath : for they had sworn with all their heart, and
sought him with their whole desire ; and he was found of them : and
16 the Eternal gave them rest round about. And also *concerning*
Maachah the mother of Asa the king, he removed her from *being*
mistress, because she had made an idol for Asherah : and Asa cut
17 down her idol, and stamped *it*, and burnt *it* at the brook Kidron. But
the high places were not taken away out of Israel : only the heart of
18 Asa was perfect all his days. And he brought into the house of God
the things that his father had hallowed, and that he himself had
19 hallowed, silver, and gold, and vessels. And there was no *more* war
unto the five and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa.

1 CHAP. XVI.—In the six and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa, Baasha
king of Israel came up against Judah, and built the Ramah, to the
intent that he might let none go out or come in to Asa king of
2 Judah. Then Asa brought out silver and gold out of the treasures
of the house of the Eternal and of the king's house, and sent to
3 Ben-hadad king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying, *There is*
a covenant between me and thee, as *there was* between my father and
thy father : behold, I have sent thee silver and gold ; go, make void
thy covenant with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from
4 me. And Ben-hadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the officers
of his armies against the cities of Israel ; and they smote Ijon, and
5 Dan, and Abel-maim, and all the stores of the cities of Naphtali.
And it came to pass, when Baasha heard *it*, that he left off building
6 of the Ramah, and let his work cease. Then Asa the king took all
Judah ; and they carried away the stones of the Ramah, and the
timber thereof, wherewith Baasha was building ; and he built there-
7 with Geba and the Mizpah. And at that time Hanani the seer came

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to Asa king of Judah, and said unto him, Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and not relied on the Eternal thy God, therefore is the army of the king of Syria escaped out of thy hand. Were not the Cushim and the Lubim a huge army, with very many chariots and horsemen? yet, because thou didst rely on the Eternal, he gave them into thy hand. For the eyes of the Eternal run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of *them* whose heart is perfect towards him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars.

Then Asa was wroth with the seer, and put him in the house of the stocks; for *he was* in a rage with him because of this *thing*. And Asa oppressed *some* of the people the same time. And, behold, the acts¹ of Asa, the first and the last, lo, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease *was* exceeding *great*; yet in his disease he inquired not after the Eternal, but the physicians. And Asa lay with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign. And they buried him in his own sepulchres, which he had made for himself in the city of David, and laid him in the bed which he had filled with spices and divers kinds of *spices* prepared by the apothecaries' art: and they made a very great burning for him.

1 CHAP. XVII.—And Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead, and strengthened himself against Israel. And he placed forces in all the fortified cities of Judah, and set garrisons in the land of Judah, and in the cities of Ephraim, which Asa his father had taken. And the Eternal was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the first ways of his father David, and inquired not after the Baalim; But inquired after the Eternal God of his father, and walked in his commandments, and not after the doings of Israel. Therefore the Eternal stablished the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah brought to Jehoshaphat presents; and he had riches and honour in abundance. And his heart was lifted up in the ways of the Eternal; moreover he removed the high places and asherim² out of Judah. Also in the third year of his reign he sent his officers, *even* Ben-hail, and Obadiah, and Zechariah, and Nethaneel, and Michaiiah, to teach in the cities of Judah. And with them *he sent* Levites, *even* Shemaiah, and Nethaniah, and Zebadiah, and Asahel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehonathan, and Adonijah, and Tobijah, and Tob-adonijah the Levites; and with them Elishama and Jehoram the priests. And they taught in Judah, and

¹ words.

² happy ones.

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10 *had* the book of the law of the Eternal with them, and went about
 throughout all the cities of Judah, and taught the people. And a
 dread from the Eternal was upon all the kingdoms of the lands that
 11 *were* round about Judah, so that they made no war against Jehosha-
 phat. Also *some* of the Philistines brought Jehoshaphat presents,
 and tribute silver; and the Arabians brought him flocks, seven
 12 thousand and seven hundred rams, and seven thousand and
 seven hundred he goats. And Jehoshaphat waxed great ex-
 ceedingly; and he built in Judah castles, and cities of store.
 13 And he had great works in the cities of Judah: and the men of war,
 14 mighty men of valour, *were* in Jerusalem. And these *are* the num-
 bers of them according to the house of their fathers: Of Judah, the
 officers of thousands; Adnah the officer, and with him mighty men
 15 of valour three hundred thousand. And next to him *was* Jehohanan
 the officer, and with him two hundred and fourscore thousand.
 16 And next him *was* Amasiah the son of Zichri, who freely offered
 himself unto the Eternal; and with him two hundred thousand
 17 mighty men of valour. And of Benjamin; Eliada a mighty man of
 valour, and with him armed men with bow and shield two hundred
 18 thousand. And next him *was* Jehozabad, and with him a hundred
 19 and fourscore thousand ready prepared for the war. These waited
 on the king, beside *those* whom the king put in the fenced cities
 throughout all Judah.

1 CHAP. XVIII.—Now Jehoshaphat had riches and honour in abun-
 2 dance, and joined affinity with Ahab. And after *certain* years he
 went down to Ahab to Samaria. And Ahab killed sheep and oxen
 for him in abundance, and for the people that *he had* with him, and
 3 persuaded him to go up *with him* to Ramoth-gilead. And Ahab king
 of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat king of Judah, Wilt thou go with
 me to Ramoth-gilead? And he answered him, I *am* as thou *art*, and
 4 my people as thy people; and *we will be* with thee in the war. And
 Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, Enquire pray as the day at
 5 the word of the Eternal. Therefore the king of Israel gathered to-
 gether of prophets four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall we
 go to Ramoth-gilead to the war, or shall I forbear? And they said,
 6 Go up; for God will give it into the king's hand. But Jehoshaphat
 said, *Is there* not here a prophet of the Eternal besides, that we might
 7 enquire of him? And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat,
There is yet one man, by whom we may enquire of the Eternal; but
 I hate him; for he never prophesied good unto me, but always evil:
 the same *is* Micaiah the son of Imla. And Jehoshaphat said, Let

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8 not the king say so. And the king of Israel called for one *of his*
9 eunuchs, and said, Fetch quickly Micaiah the son of Imla. And the
king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah sat either of them on
his throne, clothed in *their* robes, and they sat in a barn at the
entering in of the gate of Samaria; and all the^e prophets prophesied
10 before them. And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah had made him
horns of iron, and said, Thus saith the Eternal, with these thou shalt
11 push Syria until they be consumed. And all the prophets prophesied
so, saying, go up to Ramoth-gileah, and prosper: for the Eternal shall
12 give *it* into the hand of the king. And the messenger that went to call
Micaiah spake to him, saying, Behold, the words of the prophets
declare good to the king with one assent; let thy word therefore, I
13 pray thee, be like one of their's, and speak thou good. And Micaiah
said, *As* the Eternal liveth, even what my God saith, that will I speak.
14 And when he was come to the king, the king said unto him, Micaiah,
shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to the war, or shall I forbear? And he
said, Go ye up, and prosper, and they shall be given into your hand.
15 And the king said to him, How many times shall I adjure thee that
16 thou say nothing but truth to me in the name of the Eternal? Then
he said, I did see all Israel scattered upon the mountains, as the flock
that have no shepherd: and the Eternal said, These have no master;
17 let them return *therefore* every man to his house in peace. And the
king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee *that* he would
18 not prophesy good unto me, but evil? Again he said, Therefore hear
the word of the Eternal; I saw the Eternal sitting upon his throne,
19 and all the host of heaven standing on his right and *on* his left. And
the Eternal said, Who shall entice Ahab king of Israel, that he may
go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And he *further* said, this one said
20 thus and the other thus. Then there came out the spirit, and stood
before the Eternal, and said, I will entice him. And the Eternal
21 said unto him, Wherewith? And he said I will go out, and be a
lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And *the Eternal* said,
Thou shalt entice *him*, and thou shalt also prevail: go out and do
22 *even* so. Now therefore, behold, the Eternal hath put a lying spirit
in the mouth of these thy prophets, and the Eternal hath spoken evil
23 against thee. Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near, and
smote Micaiah upon the cheek, and said, Which way went the Spirit
24 of the Eternal from me to speak unto thee? And Micaiah said,
Behold, thou shalt see on that day when thou shalt go into an inner

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25 chamber to hide thyself. Then the king of Israel said, Take ye Micaiah, and carry him back to Amon the governor of the city, and to
 26 Joash the king's son; And say, Thus saith the king, Put this *fellow* in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of
 27 affliction, until I return in peace. And Micaiah said, If thou certainly return in peace, *then* hath not the Eternal spoken by me. And
 28 he said, Hearken, all ye peoples. So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth-gilead. And the king
 29 of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and will go to the war; but put thou on thy robes. So the king of Israel disguised himself: and they went to the war. Now the king of Syria
 30 had commanded the officers of the chariots that *were* with him, saying, Fight ye not with the small or the great, save only with the
 31 king of Israel. And it came to pass when the officers of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, *It is* the king of Israel. Therefore they compassed about him to fight: but Jehoshaphat
 32 cried out, and the Eternal helped him; and God moved them *to depart* from him. For it came to pass, that, when the officers of the chariots perceived that it was not the king of Israel, they turned
 33 back again from pursuing him. And a *certain* man drew the bow at a venture, and smote the king of Israel between the joints of the harness: therefore he said to his chariot man, Turn thy hand, that thou
 34 mayest carry me out of the host; for I am sick. And the battle increased that day; howbeit the king of Israel stayed *himself* up in *his* chariot against the Syrians until the even: and about the time of the sun going down he died.

1 CHAP. XIX.—And Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his
 2 house in peace to Jerusalem. And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the Eternal? therefore *is*
 3 wrath upon thee from before the Eternal. Nevertheless there are good things found in thee, in that thou hast taken away the asheroth out of the land, and hast prepared thy heart to inquire after God.
 4 And Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem: and he went out again through the people from Beer-sheba to Mount Ephraim, and brought
 5 them back unto the Eternal God of their fathers. And he set judges in the land throughout all the fortified cities of Judah, city by
 6 city, And said to the judges, Take heed what ye do: for ye judge not for man, but for the Eternal, who *is* with you in the judgment.
 7 Wherefore now let the dread of the Eternal be upon you; take heed

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and do it : for *there is* no iniquity with the Eternal our God, nor
 8 respect of persons, nor taking of bribe. Moreover in Jerusalem did
 Jehoshaphat set of the Levites, and *of* the priests, and of the heads
 of the fathers of Israel, for the judgment of the Eternal, and for
 9 controversies, when they returned to Jerusalem. And he charged
 them, saying, Thus shall ye do in the fear of the Eternal, in faith-
 10 fulness, and with a perfect heart. And what cause soever shall come
 to you of your brethren that dwell in their cities, between blood and
 blood, between law and commandment, statutes and judgments, ye
 shall even enlighten them that they be not guilty to the Eternal, and
 so wrath come upon you and upon your brethren : this do, and ye shall
 11 not be guilty. And, behold, Amariah the chief priest *is* over you in
 all matters of the Eternal; and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the
 leader of the house of Judah, for all the king's matters: also the
 Levites shall be bailiffs before you. Deal courageously, and the
 Eternal shall be with the good.

1 CHAP. XX.—It came to pass after this also, *that* the children of
 Moab, and the children of Ammon, and with them *other* beside the
 2 Ammonites, came against Jehoshaphat to the war. Then there
 came some that told Jehoshaphat, saying, There cometh a great
 multitude against thee from beyond the sea, from Syria; and, behold,
 3 they *are* in Hazazon-tamar, which *is* En-gedi. And Jehoshaphat
 feared, and set himself to inquire of the Eternal, and proclaimed a
 4 fast throughout all Judah. And Judah gathered themselves toge-
 ther, to seek *help* from the Eternal: even out of all the cities of
 5 Judah they came to seek the Eternal. And Jehoshaphat stood in
 the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the Eternal,
 6 before the new court,¹ And said, O Eternal God of our fathers, *art*
 not thou God in heaven? and rulest *not* thou over all the kingdoms
 of the nations? and in thy hand *is there not* power and might, so
 7 that none is able to withstand thee? *Art* not thou our God, *who*
 didst dispossess the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel,
 8 and gavest it to the seed of Abraham thy friend for ever? And
 they dwelt therein, and have built thee a sanctuary therein for thy
 9 name, saying, If, *when* evil cometh upon us, *as* the sword, judgment,
 or pestilence, or famine, we stand before this house, and in thy pre-
 sence,—for thy name *is* in this house,—and cry unto thee in our
 10 affliction, then thou wilt hear and help. And now, behold, the
 children of Ammon and Moab and mount Seir, whom thou wouldest
 not let Israel invade, when they came out of the land of Egypt, but
 11 they turned from them and destroyed them not; Behold, *I say, how*
 they reward us, to come to drive us from thy possession, which thou

¹ enclosure.

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12 hast given us to inherit. O our God, wilt not thou judge them? for
 we have no might against this great multitude that cometh against
 13 us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes *are* upon thee. And
 all Judah stood before the Eternal, with their little ones, their wives,
 14 and their children. Then upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the
 son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of
 the sons of Asaph, came the Spirit of the Eternal in the midst of the
 15 congregation; And he said, Attend ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants
 of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the Eternal
 unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multi-
 16 tude; for the war *is* not your's, but God's. To morrow go ye down
 against them; behold, they come up by the ascent of Ziz; and ye
 shall find them at the end of the brook, before the desert of Jeruel.
 17 Ye shall not *need* to fight in this *battle*: set yourselves, stand ye *still*,
 and see the salvation of the Eternal with you, O Judah and Jerusalem:
 fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the
 18 Eternal *will be* with you. And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with *his*
 face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem
 19 fell before the Eternal, prostrate before the Eternal. And the Levites,
 of the children of the Kohathites, and of the children of the Kor-
 hites, stood up to praise the Eternal God of Israel with a loud voice
 20 on high. And they rose early in the morning and went forth into
 the desert of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and
 said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe
 in the Eternal your God, so shall ye be established; believe his pro-
 21 phets, so shall ye prosper. And when he had consulted with the
 people, he appointed singers unto the Eternal, and that should
 praise the splendour of his holiness, as they went out before the
 army, and to say, Praise the Eternal, for his mercy *endureth* for
 22 ever. And when they began to sing and to praise, the Eternal set
 ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount
 23 Seir, who were come against Judah; and they were smitten. For
 the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants
 of mount Seir, utterly to slay and destroy *them*: and when they had
 made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, every one helped to
 24 destroy another. And when Judah came towards the watch
 tower in the desert, they looked unto the multitude, and, behold,
 they *were* dead bodies fallen to the earth, and none escaped.
 25 And when Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away the
 spoil of them, they found among them in abundance both riches
 with the dead bodies, and costly vessels, which they stripped
 off for themselves, more than they could carry away; and
 they were three days in gathering of the spoil, it was so
 26 much. And on the fourth day they assembled themselves in the
 valley of Berachah; for there they blessed the Eternal: therefore
 the name of the same place was called The valley of Berachah unto

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27 this day. Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem,
 28 and Jehoshaphat at their head, to go again to Jerusalem with joy ;
 for the Eternal had made them to rejoice over their enemies. And
 they came to Jerusalem with psalteries and harps and trumpets unto
 29 the house of the Eternal. And the dread of God was on all the
 kingdoms of *those* countries, when they had heard that the Eternal
 30 fought against the enemies of Israel. So the kingdom of Jehosha-
 31 phat was quiet : for his God gave him rest round about. And Je-
 hoshaphat reigned over Judah : *he was* thirty and five years old
 when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and five years in
 Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Azubah the daughter of
 32 Shilhi. And he walked in the way of Asa his father, and departed
 not from it, doing *that which was* right in the eyes of the Eternal.
 33 Howbeit the high places were not taken away : for as yet the people
 34 had not prepared their hearts unto the God of their fathers. Now
 the rest of the acts¹ of Jehoshaphat, the first and the last, behold,
 they *are* written in the book of Jehu the son of Hanani, which are
 35 entered in the book of the kings of Israel. And after this did Jeho-
 shaphat king of Judah join himself with Ahaziah king of Israel, who
 36 did very wickedly : And he joined himself with him to make ships
 to go to Tarshish : and they made ships in Ezion-gaber. Then
 Eliezer the son of Dodavah of Mareshah prophesied against Jeho-
 shaphat, saying, Because thou hast joined thyself with Ahaziah, the
 Eternal hath burst asunder thy works. And *the* ships were broken,
 that they were not able to go to Tarshish.

1 CHAP. XXI.—Now Jehoshaphat lay with his fathers, and was buried
 with his fathers in the city of David. And Jehoram his son reigned
 2 in his stead. And he had brethren the sons of Jehoshaphat, Aza-
 riah, and Jehiel, and Zechariah, and Azariah, and Michael, and
 Shephatiah : all these *were* the sons of Jehoshaphat king of Israel.
 3 And their father gave them great gifts of silver, and of gold, and of
 precious things, with fenced cities in Judah : but the kingdom gave
 4 he to Jehoram ; because he *was* the firstborn. Now when Jehoram
 was risen up to the kingdom of his father, he strengthened himself,
 and slew all his brethren with the sword, and *divers* also of the
 5 princes² of Israel. Jehoram *was* thirty and two years old when he
 6 began to reign, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. And he
 walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, like as did the house of
 Ahab : for he had the daughter of Ahab to wife : and he wrought

¹ words.

² officers.

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7 *that which was* evil in the eyes of the Eternal. Howbeit the Eternal would not destroy the house of David, because of the covenant that he had made with David, and as he promised to give a light to him
8 and to his sons for ever. In his days the Edomites revolted from
9 under the hand of Judah, and made themselves a king. Then Jehoram went forth with his officers, and all his chariots with him : and he rose up by night and smote the Edomites who compassed him in,
10 and the officers of the chariots. So the Edomites revolted from under the hand of Judah unto this day. The same time *also* did Libnah revolt from under his hand ; because he had forsaken the
11 Eternal God of his fathers. Moreover he made high places in the mountains of Judah, and caused the inhabitants of Jerusalem to commit
12 fornication, and drove Judah thereto. And there came a writing to him from Elijah the prophet, saying, Thus saith the Eternal God of David thy father, Because thou hast not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat thy father, nor in the ways of Asa king of Judah, But hast walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and hast made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to go a whoring, like to the whoredoms of the house of Ahab, and also hast slain thy brethren of thy father's
14 house, *who were* better than thyself : Behold, with a great plague will the Eternal afflict thy people, and thy children, and thy wives,
15 and all thy substance : And thou *shalt have* great sickness by disease of thy bowels, until thy bowels fall out by reason of the sickness day
16 by day. Moreover the Eternal stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines, and of the Arabians, that *were* near the Cushim :
17 And they came up into Judah, and brake into it, and captured all the substance that was found in the king's house, and his sons also, and his wives ; so that there was never a son left him save Jehoahaz, the youngest of his sons. And after all this the Eternal afflicted
19 him in his bowels with an incurable disease. And it came to pass, that from time to time, after the end of two years, his bowels fell out by reason of his sickness : so he died of sore diseases. And his people made no burning for him, like the burning of his fathers.
20 Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years, and departed without being desired. Howbeit they buried him in the city of David, but not in the sepulchres of the kings.

1 CHAP. XXII.—And the inhabitants of Jerusalem made Ahaziah his youngest son king in his stead : for the band of men that came with the Arabians to the camp had slain all the eldest. So Ahaziah the
2 son of Jehoram king of Judah reigned. Forty and two years old *was* Ahaziah when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name *also was* Athaliah the daughter of
3 Omri. He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab : for his

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4 mother was his counsellor to do wickedly. Wherefore he did evil in the eyes of the Eternal like the house of Ahab, for they were his
 5 counsellors after the death of his father, to his destruction. He walked also after their counsel, and went with Jehoram the son of Ahab king of Israel to the war against Hazael king of Syria at
 6 Ramoth-gilead: and the Syrians smote Joram. And he returned to be healed in Jezreel, because of the wounds which they struck him at the Ramah, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria. And Azariah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab at Jezreel, because he was sick. And the
 7 destruction of Ahaziah was of God by coming to Joram: for when he was come he went out with Jehoram against Jehu the son of Nimshi, whom the Eternal had anointed to cut off the house of
 8 Ahab. And it came to pass, that, when Jehu was executing judgment upon the house of Ahab, and found the princes¹ of Judah, and the sons of the brethren of Ahaziah that ministered to Ahaziah, he
 9 slew them. And he sought Ahaziah: and they caught him,—for he was hid in Samaria,—and brought him to Jehu: and when they had slain him, they buried him: Because, said they, he *is* the son of Jehoshaphat, who inquired after the Eternal with all his heart. So
 10 the house of Ahaziah had no power to keep still the kingdom. But when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead,
 11 she arose and destroyed all the seed royal of the house of Judah. But Jehoshabeath, the daughter of the king, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons that were being slain, and put him and his nurse in the bedchamber. So Jehoshabeath, the daughter of king Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest,—for she was the sister of Ahaziah,—screened him from Athaliah, so that
 12 she slew him not. And he was with them hid in the house of God six years: and Athaliah reigned over the land.

1 CHAP. XXIII.—And in the seventh year Jehoiada strengthened himself, and took the officers of the hundreds, Azariah the son of Jehoram, and Ishmael the son of Jehohanan, and Azariah the son of Obed, and Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri, into
 2 covenant with him. And they went about in Judah, and gathered the Levites out of all the cities of Judah, and the heads of the fathers
 3 of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem. And all the congregation made a covenant with the king in the house of God. And he said unto them, Behold, the king's son shall reign, as the Eternal hath
 4 said of the sons of David. This *is* the thing that ye shall do; A third

¹ officers.

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part of you entering on the sabbath, of the priests and of the Levites,
5 *shall be* porters of the doors ;¹ And a third part *shall be* at the king's
house ; and a third part at the gate of the foundation : and all the
6 people *shall be* in the courts² of the house of the Eternal. But let
none come into the house of the Eternal, save the priests, and they
that minister of the Levites ; they shall go in, for they *are* holy : but
7 all the people shall keep the watch of the Eternal. And the Levites
shall compass the king round about, every man with his weapons in
his hand ; and whosoever *else* cometh into the house he shall be put
to death : but be ye with the king, when he cometh in, and when he
8 goeth out. So the Levites and all Judah did according to all things
that Jehoiada the priest had commanded, and took every man his
men that were to come in on the sabbath, with them that were to go
out on the sabbath : for Jehoiada the priest dismissed not the courses.
9 Moreover Jehoiada the priest gave to the officers of the hundreds the
spears, and the bucklers, and the shields, that *had been* king David's,
10 which *were* in the house of God. And he set all the people, every
man having his weapon in his hand, from the right side³ of the tem-
ple to the left side³ of the temple, along by the altar and the temple,
11 by the king round about. Then they brought out the king's son, and
put upon him the crown, and *gave him* the testimony, and made him
king. And Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and said God save
12 the king.⁴ Now when Athaliah heard the noise of the people running
and praising the king, she came to the people into the house of the
13 Eternal : And she looked, and, behold, the king stood on his pillar
at the entering in, and the officers and the trumpets by the king : and
all the people of the land rejoiced, and sounded with trumpets, also
the singers with instruments of musick, and such as taught⁵ to sing
praise. Then Athaliah rent her clothes, and said, Treason, Treason.
14 Then Jehoiada the priest brought out the officers of the hundreds
that were set over the host, and said unto them, Bring her forth
to within the ranges : and whoso followeth her, let him be slain with
the sword. For the priest said, Slay her not in the house of the
15 Eternal. So they made room for her : and when she was come to
the entering of the horse gate by the king's house, they slew her there.
16 And Jehoiada made a covenant between him, and between all the
people, and between the king, that they should be of the Eternal's
17 people. Then all the people went to the house of Baal, and brake
it down, and brake his altars and his images in pieces, and slew
18 Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. Also Jehoiada appointed
the offices of the house of the Eternal by the hand of the priests
the Levites, whom David had distributed in the house of the Eternal,
to offer the burnt offerings of the Eternal, as *it is* written in the law

¹ thresholds.

² enclosures.

³ shoulder.

⁴ may the king live.

⁵ made known.

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of Moses, with rejoicing and with singing, *as it was ordained* by
 19 David. And he set the porters at the gates of the house of the Eternal,
 20 that none *who was* unclean in anything should enter in. And he
 took the officers of the hundreds, and the mighty ones, and the rulers
 of the people, and all the people of the land, and brought down the
 king from the house of the Eternal: and they came through the upper
 gate into the king's house, and set the king upon the throne of the
 21 kingdom. And all the people of the land rejoiced: and the city
 was quiet, for they had slain Athaliah with the sword.

1 CHAP. XXIV.—Joash *was* seven years old when he began to reign,
 and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also
 2 *was* Zibiah of Beer-sheba. And Joash did *that which was* right in
 3 the eyes of the Eternal all the days of Jehoiada the priest. And
 Jehoiada took for him two wives; and he begat sons and daughters.
 4 And it came to pass after this, *that* Joash was minded to repair¹ the
 5 house of the Eternal. And he gathered together the priests and the
 Levites, and said to them, Go out unto the cities of Judah, and
 gather of all Israel money to repair the house of your God from year
 to year, and see that ye hasten the matter. Howbeit the Levites
 6 hastened *it* not. And the king called for Jehoiada the chief, and
 said unto him, Why hast thou not required of the Levites to bring
 in out of Judah and out of Jerusalem the collection, *according to the*
 7 *commandment* of Moses the servant of the Eternal, and of the congre-
 gation of Israel, for the tent of testimony? For the sons of Athaliah,
 that wicked woman, had broken up the house of God; and also all
 the hallowed things of the house of the Eternal did they bestow upon
 8 Baalim. And at the king's commandment they made a chest, and
 9 set it without at the gate of the house of the Eternal. And they
 made a proclamation through Judah and Jerusalem, to bring in to the
 Eternal the collection *that* Moses the servant of God *laid* upon Israel
 10 in the desert. And all the princes² and all the people rejoiced, and
 brought in, and cast into the chest, until they had made an end.
 11 Now it came to pass, that at what time the chest was brought unto
 the king's office by the hand of the Levites, and when they saw that
there was much money, the king's scribe and the chief priest's officer
 came and emptied the chest, and took it, and carried it to its place
 again. Thus they did day by day, and gathered money in abundance.
 12 And the king and Jehoiada gave it to such as did the work of the
 service of the house of the Eternal, and hired masons and carpenters
 to renew the house of the Eternal, and also such as wrought iron and

¹ renew.

² officers.

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13 copper to repair the house of the Eternal. So the workmen wrought,
and the work was perfected by them, and they set the house of God
14 in its state, and strengthened it. And when they had finished *it*,
they brought the rest of the money before the king and Jehoiada,
whereof were made vessels for the house of the Eternal, *even* vessels
to minister, and to offer *withal*, and spoons, and vessels of gold and
silver. And they offered burnt offerings in the house of the Eternal
15 continually all the days of Jehoiada. But Jehoiada waxed old, and
was full of days when he died; a hundred and thirty years old *was*
16 *he* when he died. And they buried him in the city of David among
the kings, because he had done good in Israel, both towards God and
17 towards his house. Now after the death of Jehoiada came the
princes¹ of Judah and prostrated themselves before the king. Then the
18 king hearkened unto them. And they left the house of the Eternal
God of their fathers, and served asherim and the idols; and wrath
19 came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this their guilt. Yet he sent
prophets to them, to bring them again unto the Eternal; and they
20 testified against them: but they would not give ear. And a spirit of
God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, and he
took his station above the people, and said unto them, Thus saith
God, Wherefore transgress ye the commandments of the Eternal,
that ye cannot prosper? because ye have forsaken the Eternal, he
21 hath also forsaken you. And they conspired against him, and
stoned him with stones at the commandment of the king in the court²
22 of the house of the Eternal. Thus Joash the king remembered not
the kindness which Jehoiada his father had done to him, but slew his
son. And when he died, he said, The Eternal look upon *it*, and
23 require *it*. And it came to pass at the end of the year, *that* the force
of Syria came up against him; and they came to Judah and Jeru-
salem, and destroyed all the officers of the people from among the
people, and sent all the spoil of them unto the king of Damascus.
24 For the force of the Syrians came with a small company of men, and
the Eternal gave a very great force into their hand, because they had
forsaken the Eternal God of their fathers. So they executed judg-
25 ment against Joash. And when they were departed from him—for
they left him in great diseases—his own servants conspired against
him for the blood of the sons of Jehoiada the priest, and slew him
on his bed, and he died: and they buried him in the city of David,
26 but they buried him not in the sepulchres of the kings. And these
are they that conspired against him: Zabad the son of Shimeath an
27 Ammonitess, and Jehozabad the son of Shimrith a Moabitess. Now
concerning his sons, and the greatness of the burdens *laid* upon him,

¹ officers.

² enclosure.

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and the repairing¹ of the house of God, behold, they *are* written in the record of the book of the kings. And Amaziah his son reigned in his stead.

- 1 CHAP. XXV.—Amaziah *was* twenty and five years old *when* he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. And his
2 mother's name *was* Jehoaddan of Jerusalem. And he did *that which*
3 *was* right in the eyes of the Eternal, but not with a perfect heart.
4 Now it came to pass when the kingdom was established to him,
5 that he slew his servants that had killed the king his father. But he
6 slew not their children, but *did as it is* written in the law in the book
7 of Moses, where the Eternal commanded, saying, Fathers shall not
8 die for children, neither shall children die for fathers, but every man
9 shall die for his own sin. Moreover Amaziah gathered Judah together,
10 and placed them according to the officers of the thousands, and the officers of the hundreds,
11 according to the houses of *their* fathers, throughout all Judah and Benjamin: and he numbered them from
12 twenty years old and above, and found them three hundred thousand
13 choice *men, able* to go forth with the host, bearing spear and buckler.
14 He hired also a hundred thousand mighty men of valour out of
15 Israel for a hundred talents of silver. But there came the man of
16 God to him, saying, O king, let not the host of Israel go with thee; for the
17 Eternal *is* not with Israel, *to wit, with* all the children of
18 Ephraim. But if thou wilt go, do *it*, be strong for the war: God shall
19 make thee stumble before the enemy: for God hath power to help,
20 and to make stumble. And Amaziah said to the man of God, But
21 what shall we do for the hundred talents which I have given to the
22 army of Israel? And the man of God answered, The Eternal is able
23 to give thee much more than this. Then Amaziah separated them,
24 *to wit*, the army that was come to him out of Ephraim, to go home
25 again; wherefore their anger was greatly kindled against Judah, and
26 they returned home in great anger. And Amaziah strengthened
27 himself, and led forth his people, and went to the valley of salt, and
28 smote of the children of Seir ten thousand. And *other* ten thousand
29 *left* alive did the children of Judah capture, and brought them unto
30 the top of the rock, and cast them down from the top of the rock,
31 that they all were broken in pieces. But the soldiers of the army
32 whom Amaziah sent back, that they should not go with him to the
33 war, spread over the cities of Judah, from Samaria even unto Beth-
34 boron, and smote three thousand of them, and took much spoil.
35 Now it came to pass, after that Amaziah was come from the slaughter
36 of the Edomites, that he brought the gods of the children of Seir,
37 and set them up *to be* his gods, and prostrated himself before them,
38 and burned incense unto them. Wherefore the anger of the Eternal

¹ foundation.

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was kindled against Amaziah, and he sent unto him a prophet, who said unto him, Why hast thou inquired after the gods of the people, which could not deliver their own people out of thy hand? And it came to pass, as he talked with him, that *the king* said unto him, Art thou made of the king's counsel? forbear; why shouldest thou be smitten? Then the prophet forbore, and said, I know that God hath determined to destroy thee, because thou hast done this, and hast not hearkened unto my counsel. Then Amaziah king of Judah took counsel, and sent to Joash, the son of Jehohaz, the son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, Come, let us see one another in the face. And Joash king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, The bramble that *is* in the Lebanon sent to the cedar that *is* in Lebanon, saying, Give thy daughter to my son to wife: and there passed by an animal of the field that *was* in the Lebanon, and trod down the bramble. Thou sayest, Lo, thou hast smitten the Edomites; and thy heart lifteth thee up to glory *in it*: abide now at home; why shouldest thou contend with misfortune, that thou shouldest fall, *even* thou, and Judah with thee? But Amaziah would not hear; for it *came* of God, that he might give them into the hand of *their* enemies, because they inquired after the gods of Edom. So Joash the king of Israel went up; and they saw one another in the face, *both* he and Amaziah king of Judah, at Beth-shemesh, which *belongeth* to Judah. And Judah was put to the worse before Israel, and they fled every man to his tent. And Joash the king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Joash, the son of Jehohaz, at Beth-shemesh, and brought him to Jerusalem, and brake down the rampart of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim to the corner gate, four hundred cubits. And *he took* all the gold and the silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of God with Obed-edom, and the treasures of the king's house, the hostages also, and returned to Samaria. And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Joash son of Jehohaz king of Israel fifteen years. Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, the first and the last, behold, *are* they not written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel? Now from the time that Amaziah did depart from the Eternal they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem; and he fled to Lachish: but they sent to Lachish after him and slew him there. And they carried him upon horses, and buried him with his fathers in the city of Judah.

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1 CHAP. XXVI.—Then all the people of Judah took Uzziah, who *was* sixteen years old, and made him king instead of his father Amaziah.
2 He built Eloth, and restored it to Judah, after that the king lay with
3 his fathers. Sixteen years old *was* Uzziah when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name
4 also *was* Jecoliah of Jerusalem. And he did *that which was* right in the eyes of the Eternal, according to all that his father Amaziah did.
5 And he *was ready* to inquire of God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God: and as long as he inquired
6 of the Eternal, God made him to prosper. And he went forth and fought against the Philistines, and brake down the rampart of Gath, and the rampart of Jabneh, and the rampart of Ashdod, and built
7 cities in Ashdod, and among the Philistines. And God helped him against the Philistines, and against the Arabians that dwelt in Gurbaal, and the Mehunim. And the Ammonites gave gifts to Uzziah: and his name spread abroad *even* to the entering in of Egypt; for
9 he strengthened *himself* exceedingly. Moreover Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the gate of the turning, and at the glen gate, and at
10 the corner *of the wall*, and fortified them. Also he built towers in the desert, and hewed out many cisterns: for he had much cattle, both in the low country, and in the plains: husbandmen *also*, and vinedressers in the mountains, and in Carmel: for he loved husbandry. Moreover Uzziah had a force for making war, that went out with the host by bands, according to the number of their account by the hand of Jeiel the scribe and Maaseiah the bailiff, under the
12 hand of Hananiah, *one* of the king's officers. The whole number of the heads of the fathers of the mighty men of valour *were* two thousand and six hundred. And under their hand *was* the force of the host, three hundred thousand and seven thousand and five hundred, that made war with mighty power, to help the king against the
14 enemy. And Uzziah prepared for them throughout all the host shields, and spears, and helmets, and habergeons, and bows, and
15 slings *to cast* stones. And he made in Jerusalem contrivances, a thinkers' thought, to be on the towers and upon the turnings, to shoot therewith the arrows and the great stones. And his name spread far abroad; for he was marvellously helped, till he was
16 strong. But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to corruption: for he transgressed against the Eternal his God, and went into the temple of the Eternal to burn incense upon the altar of
17 incense. And Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him

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18 fourscore priests of the Eternal, *that were* valiant men: And they stood up against Uzziah the king, and said unto him, *It appertaineth* not unto thee, Uzziah, to burn incense unto the Eternal, but to the priests the sons of Aaron, that are consecrated to burn incense: go out of the sanctuary; for thou hast trespassed; neither *shall it be*
19 for thine honour from the Eternal God. Then Uzziah was wroth, and *had* a censer in his hand to burn incense: and while he was wroth with the priests, the leprosy even rose up in his forehead before the priests in the house of the Eternal, from beside the incense altar.
20 And Azariah the chief priest, and all the priests, looked upon him, and, behold, he *was* leprous in his forehead, and they hurried him out from thence; yea, himself hasted also to go out, because the Eternal
21 had afflicted him. And Uzziah the king was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in the house of retirement, *being* a leper; for he was cut off from the house of the Eternal: and Jotham his son *was*
22 over the king's house, judging the people of the land. Now the rest of the acts of Uzziah, the first and the last, did Isaiah the prophet,
23 the son of Amoz, write. So Uzziah lay with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the field of the burial which *belonged* to the kings; for they said, He *is* a leper: and Jotham his son reigned in his stead.

1 CHAP. XXVII.—Jotham *was* twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. His mother's
2 name also *was* Jerushah, the daughter of Zadok. And he did *that which* *was* right in the eyes of the Eternal, according to all that his father Uzziah did: howbeit he entered not into the temple of the Eternal.
3 And the people did yet corruptly. He built the upper gate of the house of the Eternal, and on the rampart of Ophel he built much.
4 Moreover he built cities in the mountains of Judah, and in the forests
5 he built castles and towers. He fought also with the king of the Ammonites, and prevailed against them. And the children of Ammon gave him the same year a hundred talents of silver, and ten thousand measures of wheat, and ten thousand of barley. So much did the children of Ammon repeatedly give him, both the second year, and
6 the third. So Jotham became mighty, because he prepared his ways
7 before the Eternal his God. Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all his wars, and his ways, lo, they *are* written in the book of
8 the kings of Israel and Judah. He was five and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem.
9 And Jotham lay with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David: and Ahaz his son reigned in his stead.

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- 1 CHAP. XXVIII.—Abaz *was* twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem; but he did not *that which was* right in the eyes of the Eternal, like David his father:
- 2 For he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and made also
- 3 molten images for Baalim. Moreover he burnt incense in the glen of the son of Hinnom, and burnt his children in the fire, after the abominations of the nations whom the Eternal had dispossessed before
- 4 the children of Israel. He sacrificed also and burnt incense in the
- 5 high places, and on the hills, and under every bushy tree. Wherefore the Eternal gave him into the hand of the king of Syria; and they smote him, and carried away a great multitude of them captives, and brought *them* to Damascus. And he was also given into the hand
- 6 of the king of Israel, who smote him with a great slaughter. For Pekah the son of Remaliah slew in Judah a hundred and twenty thousand in one day, who *were* all valiant men; because they had forsaken the Eternal God of their fathers. And Ziehri, a mighty man of Ephraim, slew Maaseiah the king's son, and Azrikam the governor
- 8 of the house, and E'kanah *that was* next to the king. And the children of Israel carried away captive of their brethren two hundred thousand, women, sons, and daughters, and took also away much
- 9 spoil from them, and brought the spoil to Samaria. But a prophet of the Eternal was there, whose name *was* Oded: and he went out before the host that came to Samaria, and said unto them, Behold, because the Eternal God of your fathers was wroth with Judah, he hath given them into your hand, and ye have slain them in a rage
- 10 *that* reacheth up unto heaven. And now ye purpose to subdue the children of Judah and Jerusalem for bondmen and bondwomen unto you: *but are there* not with you, even with you, sins against the
- 11 Eternal your God? Now hear me therefore, and restore the captives, whom ye have captured of your brethren: for the fierce wrath of
- 12 the Eternal *is* upon you. Then certain of the heads of the children of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, and Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son
- 13 of Hadlai, stood up against them that came from the host, And said unto them, Ye shall not bring in the captives hither: for whereas we have offended against the Eternal *already*, ye intend to add *more* to our sins and to our guilt: for our guilt is great, and *there is* fierce
- 14 wrath against Israel. So the armed men left the captives and the
- 15 spoil before the officers and all the congregation. And the men who were expressed¹ by name rose up, and took the captives, and with the spoil clothed all that were naked among them, and clothed them,

¹ pricked.

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and shod them, and gave them to eat and to drink, and anointed them, and carried all the feeble of them upon asses, and brought them to Jericho, the city of palm trees, to their brethren: then they returned to Samaria. At that time did king Ahaz send unto the kings of Assyria to help him. For again the Edomites had come and smitten Judah, and carried away captives. The Philistines also had spread in the cities of the low country, and of the south of Judah, and had taken Beth-shemesh, and Ajalon, and Gederoth, and Shochob with the villages thereof, and Timnah with the villages thereof, Gimzo also and the villages thereof; and they dwelt there. For the Eternal humbled Judah because of Ahaz king of Israel; for he made Judah unruly, and transgressed sore against the Eternal. And Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria came unto him, and distressed him, but strengthened him not. For Ahaz took away a portion¹ out of the house of the Eternal, and out of the house of the king, and of the officers, and gave it unto the king of Assyria: but he helped him not. And in the time of his distress did he trespass yet more against the Eternal: this is that king Ahaz. For he sacrificed unto the gods of Damascus, which smote him: and he said, Because the gods of the kings of Syria help them, therefore will I sacrifice to them, that they may help me. But they were the ruin of him² and of all Israel. And Ahaz gathered together the vessels of the house of God, and cut in pieces the vessels of the house of God, and shut up the doors of the house of the Eternal, and he made him altars in every turning of Jerusalem. And in every several city of Judah he made high places to burn incense unto other gods, and provoked to anger the Eternal God of his fathers. Now the rest of his acts³ and of all his ways the first and the last, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. And Ahaz lay with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, even in Jerusalem: but they brought him not into the sepulchres of the kings of Israel: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead.

1 CHAP. XXIX.—Hezekiah began to reign *when he was* five and twenty years old, and he reigned nine and twenty years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Abijah, the daughter of Zechariah. And he did *that which was* right in the eyes of the Eternal, according to all that David his father had done. He in the first year of his reign, in the first month, opened the doors of the house of the Eternal, and repaired them. And he brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them together into the east street, And said unto them, Hear me, ye Levites, sanctify now yourselves, and sanctify the house

¹ divided.

² to make him stumble.

³ words.

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of the Eternal God of your fathers, and carry forth the filthiness out
6 of the holy *place*. For our fathers have trespassed, and done *that*
which was evil in the eyes of the Eternal our God, and have forsaken
him, and have turned away their faces from the dwelling of the Eter-
7 nal, and turned *their* backs. Also they have shut up the doors of
the porch, and put out the lamps, and have not burned incense nor
offered burnt offerings in the holy *place* unto the God of Israel.
8 Wherefore the wrath of the Eternal was upon Judah and Jerusalem,
and he hath made them a fright, astonishment, and a hissing, as ye
9 see with your eyes. For, lo, our fathers have fallen by the sword,
and our sons and our daughters and our wives *are* in captivity for
10 this. Now *it is* in my heart to make a covenant with the Eternal
11 God of Israel, that his fierce wrath may turn away from us. My
sons, be not now negligent: for the Eternal hath chosen you to
stand before him, to minister unto him, and that ye should be mi-
12 nisters, and burn incense unto him. Then the Levites arose, Mahath
the son of Amasai, and Joel the son of Azariah, of the sons of the
Kohathites: and of the sons of Merari, Kish the son of Abdi, and
Azariah the son of Jehalelel: and of the Gershonites; Joah the son
13 of Zimmah, and Eden the son of Joah: And of the sons of Eliza-
phan; Shimri, and Jehiel: and of the sons of Asaph; Zechariah,
14 and Mattaniah: And of the sons of Heman; Jehiel, and Shimei:
15 and of the sons of Juduthun: Shemaiah, and Uzziel. And they
gathered their brethren, and sanctified themselves, and came, ac-
cording to the commandment of the king, by the words of the
16 Eternal, to cleanse the house of the Eternal. And the priests went
into the inner part of the house of the Eternal, to cleanse *it*, and
brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of the
Eternal into the court of the house of the Eternal. And the Levites
17 took *it*, to carry *it* out abroad into the brook Kidron. Now they
began on the first *day* of the first month to sanctify, and on the
eighth day of the month came they to the porch of the Eternal: so
they sanctified the house of the Eternal in eight days: and in the
18 sixteenth day of the first month they made an end. Then they went
in to Hezekiah the king, and said, We have cleansed all the house
of the Eternal, and the altar of burnt offering, with all the vessels
thereof, and the shewbread¹ table, with all the vessels thereof.
19 Moreover all the vessels which king Ahaz in his reign did cast away
in his transgression, have we prepared and sanctified, and, behold,
20 they *are* before the altar of the Eternal. Then Hezekiah the king

¹ layer.

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rose early, and gathered the officers of the city, and went up to the
 21 house of the Eternal. And they brought up seven bulls and seven
 rams, and seven lambs, and seven he goats, for a sin offering for the
 kingdom, and for the sanctuary, and for Judah. And he commanded
 the priests the sons of Aaron to offer them on the altar of the Eternal.
 22 So they slaughtered the bulls, and the priests received the blood,
 and sprinkled *it* on the altar : likewise, when they had slaughtered
 the rams, they sprinkled the blood upon the altar : they slaughtered
 23 also the lambs, and they sprinkled the blood upon the altar. And
 they brought forth the he goats *for* the sin offering before the king
 24 and the congregation ; and they laid their hands upon them : And
 the priests slaughtered them, and they made reconciliation with their
 blood upon the altar, to make an expiation for all Israel : for the king
 commanded *that* the burnt offering and the sin offering *should be*
 25 *made* for all Israel. And he set the Levites in the house of the
 Eternal with cymbals, with psalteries, and with harps, according to
 the commandment of David, and of Gad the king's seer, and Nathan
 the prophet : for *so was* the commandment of the Eternal by his
 26 prophets. And the Levites stood with the instruments of David,
 27 and the priests with the trumpets. And Hezekiah commanded¹ to
 offer the burnt offering upon the altar. And when the burnt offering
 began, the song of the Eternal began *also* with the trumpets, and with
 28 the instruments *ordained* by David king of Israel. And all the con-
 gregation prostrated themselves, and the singers sang, and the trum-
 peters sounded : *and* all this *continued* until the burnt offering was
 29 finished. And when they had made an end of offering, the king and
 all that were present with him knelt and prostrated themselves.
 30 Moreover Hezekiah the king and the officers commanded the Levites
 to praise the Eternal with the words of David, and of Asaph the seer.
 And they praised with gladness, and they bowed their heads and
 31 prostrated themselves. Then Hezekiah answered and said, Now ye
 have consecrated yourselves unto the Eternal, come near and bring
 sacrifices and thank offerings into the house of the Eternal And the
 congregation brought in sacrifices and thank offerings, and as many
 32 as were of a free heart burnt offerings. And the number of the
 burnt offerings which the congregation brought was threescore and
 ten bulls, a hundred rams, *and* two hundred lambs : all these *were*
 33 for a burnt offering to the Eternal. And the hallowed things *were*
 34 six hundred of the herd and three thousand of the flock. But the
 priests were too few, so that they could not flay all the burnt offer-
 ings ; wherefore their brethren the Levites did help them, till the
 work was ended, and until the *other* priests had sanctified themselves,
 for the Levites *were* upright in heart to sanctify themselves above the
 35 priests. And also burnt offerings *were* in abundance, with the fat of
 the feast offerings, and the drink offerings for *every* burnt offering.

¹ said.

² filled your hands.

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36 So the service of the house of the Eternal was established. And Hezekiah rejoiced, and all the people, at what God had prepared for the people : for the thing was all on a sudden.

1 CHAP. XXX.—And Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of the Eternal at Jerusalem, to keep¹ Passover unto the
2 Eternal God of Israel. For the king had taken counsel, and his officers, and all the congregation in Israel, to keep¹ the Passover in
3 the second month. For they could not keep¹ it at that time, because the priests had not sanctified themselves sufficiently, neither had
4 the people gathered themselves together to Jerusalem. And the
5 thing pleased the king and all the congregation. So they established a decree to make proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beer-sheba even to Dan, that they should come to keep¹ the Passover unto the Eternal God of Israel at Jerusalem ; for they had not done *it* of
6 a long time in such sort as it was written. So the runners went with the letters from the king and his officers throughout all Israel and Judah, and according to the commandment of the king, saying, Ye children of Israel, turn again unto the Eternal God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, and he will return to those of you that are escaped as a
7 remnant out of the hand of the kings of Assyria. And be not ye like your fathers, and like your brethren, who trespassed against the Eternal God of their fathers, *who* therefore gave them up to desolation,² as ye see. Now be ye not stiff necked, as your fathers *were*, but give yourselves up unto the Eternal, and enter into his sanctuary, which he hath sanctified for ever : and serve the Eternal your
9 God, that the fierceness of his wrath may turn away from you. For if ye turn again unto the Eternal, your brethren and your children *shall find* compassion before them that captured them, so that they shall come again into this land : for the Eternal your God *is* gracious and merciful, and will not turn away *his* face from you, if ye
10 return unto him. So the runners passed from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh even unto Zebulun : but they
11 laughed them to scorn, and mocked them. Nevertheless divers of Asher and Manasseh and of Zebulun humbled themselves, and came
12 to Jerusalem. Also in Judah the hand of God was to give them one heart to do the commandment of the king and of the officers, by
13 the word of the Eternal. And there assembled at Jerusalem much people to keep¹ the festival of unleavened bread in the second month,
14 a congregation of an exceeding multitude. And they arose and removed the altars that *were* in Jerusalem, and all the burners of
15 incense removed they, and cast *them* into the brook of Kidron. Then they slaughtered the Passover on the fourteenth *day* of the second month : and the priests and the Levites were ashamed, and sanctified

¹ make.

² astonishment.

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themselves, and brought in the burnt offerings into the house of the
 16 Eternal. And they stood in their place after their manner, accord-
 ing to the law of Moses the man of God: the priests sprinkled the
 17 blood, *which they received* of the hand of the Levites. For *there*
were many in the congregation that were not sanctified: therefore
 the Levites had the charge of the slaughtering of the Passovers for
 18 every one *that was* not clean, to sanctify *them* unto the Eternal. For
 a multitude of the people, *even* many of Ephraim, and Manasseh,
 Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet did they eat
 the Passover otherwise than it was written. But Hezekiah prayed
 for them, saying, The good Eternal will make an expiation for every
 19 one, *That* prepareth his heart to enquire after God, the Eternal
 God of his fathers, though *he be* not *cleansed* according to the puri-
 20 fication of the sanctuary. And the Eternal hearkened to Hezekiah,
 21 and healed the people. And the children of Israel that were found
 at Jerusalem kept¹ the festival of unleavened bread seven days with
 great gladness: and the Levites and the priests praised the Eternal
 22 day by day, *singing* with loud² instruments unto the Eternal. And
 Hezekiah spake comfortably unto all the Levites that were intelli-
 gent, having a good knowledge concerning the Eternal: and they
 did eat throughout the appointed feast seven days, offering feast
 offerings, and making confession to the Eternal God of their fathers.
 23 And the whole congregation took counsel to keep³ other seven days:
 24 and they kept *other* seven days with gladness. For Hezekiah king
 of Judah did give to the congregation a thousand bulls and seven
 thousand sheep as a heave offering; and the officers gave to the
 congregation a thousand bulls and ten thousand sheep as a heave
 25 offering: and a great number of priests sanctified themselves. And
 all the congregation of Judah, with the priests and the Levites, and
 all the congregation that came out of Israel, and the strangers that
 26 came out of the land of Israel, and that dwelt in Judah, rejoiced. So
 there was great joy in Jerusalem: for since the time of Solomon the
 27 son of David king of Israel *there was* not the like in Jerusalem. Then
 the priests the Levites arose and blessed the people: and their voice
 was heard, and their prayer came *up* to his holy dwelling place, *even*
 unto heaven.

1 CHAP. XXXI.—Now when all this was finished, all Israel that were
 present went out to the cities of Judah, and brake the monumental
 pillars in pieces, and cut down the asherim,⁴ and threw down the
 high places and the altars out of all Judah and Benjamin, in Ephraim
 also and Manasseh, until they had utterly destroyed them all. Then
 all the children of Israel returned, every man to his possession, into
 2 their own cities. And Hezekiah appointed the courses of the priests

¹ made. ² mighty. ³ make. ⁴ happy ones.

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and the Levites after their courses, every man according to his service, the priests and Levites for burnt offerings and for feast offerings, to minister, and to give thanks, and to praise in the gates of the
3 camps of the Eternal. *He appointed* also the king's portion of his substance for the burnt offerings, *to wit*, for the morning and evening burnt offerings, and the burnt offerings for the sabbaths, and for the new moons, and for the appointed festivals, as *it is* written in the law
4 of the Eternal. Moreover he commanded the people that dwelt in Jerusalem to give the portion of the priests and the Levites, that
5 they might hold fast by the law of the Eternal. And as soon as the word spread abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the firstlings of corn, must, and oil¹, and honey, and of all the produce of the field; and the tithe of all *things* brought they in abundantly.
6 And *concerning* the children of Israel and Judah, that dwelt in the cities of Judah, they also brought in the tithe of *the* herd and flock, and the tithe of holy things which were consecrated unto the Eternal
7 their God, and gave *them* by heaps. In the third month they began to lay the foundation of the heaps, and finished *them* in the seventh
8 month. And when Hezekiah and the officers came and saw the
9 heaps, they blessed the Eternal, and his people Israel. Then Hezekiah inquired of the priests and the Levites concerning the heaps.
10 And Azariah the chief priest of the house of Zadok answered him, and said, Since *the people* began to bring the heave offerings into the house of the Eternal, we have had enough to eat, and have left plenty: for the Eternal hath blessed his people: and that which is
11 left *is* this great store². Then Hezekiah commanded to prepare
12 chambers in the house of the Eternal; and they prepared *them*. And brought in the heave offerings and the tithes and the hallowed *things* faithfully: over which Cononiah the Levite *was* ruler, and Shimei
13 his brother *was* the next. And Jehiel, and Azaziah, and Nahath, and Asahel, and Jerimoth, and Jozabad, and Eliel, and Ismachiah, and Mahath, and Benaiah, *were* overseers under the hand of Cononiah and Shimei his brother, by the appointment of Hezekiah the king, and
14 Azariah the ruler of the house of God. And Kore the son of Imnah the Levite, the porter towards the east, *was* over the freewill offerings of God, to distribute the heave offerings of the Eternal and the most
15 holy things. And next to him *were* Eden, and Miniamin, and Jeshua, and Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shecaniah, in the cities of the priests, faithfully to give to their brethren by courses, as well to the great
16 as to the small: Beside their genealogy of males, from three years old and upwards, *even* unto every one that entereth into the house of

¹ brightness.

² crowd.

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the Eternal, his daily portion for their service, in their charges,
 17 according to their courses ; Both to the genealogy of the priests by
 the house of their fathers, and the Levites from twenty years old and
 18 upwards, in their charges by their courses ; And to the genealogy
 of all their little ones, their wives, and their sons, and their daughters,
 through all the congregation : for in their faithfulness they
 19 sanctified themselves in holiness. Also of the sons of Aaron the
 priests, *who were* in the fields of the suburbs of their cities, in every
 several city, the men that were expressed¹ by name, to give portions
 to all the males among the priests, and to all that were reckoned by
 20 genealogies among the Levites. And thus did Hezekiah throughout
 all Judah, and did *that which was* good and right and truth before
 21 the Eternal his God. And in every work that he began in the
 service of the house of God, and in the law, and in the commandments,
 to inquire after his God, he did *it* with all his heart, and
 prospered.

1 CHAP. XXXII.—After these things, and the establishment² thereof,
 Sennacherib king of Assyria came, and entered into Judah, and encamped
 against the fortified cities, and thought to win³ them for
 2 himself. And when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib was come, and
 3 that his purpose was the war against Jerusalem, He took counsel
 with his officers and his mighty men to stop the waters of the foun-
 4 tains which *were* without the city : and they did help him. So there
 was gathered much people together, who stopped all the fountains,
 and the brook that swept through the midst of the land, saying, Why
 5 should the kings of Assyria come, and find much water ? Also he
 strengthened himself, and built up all the rampart that was broken,
 and raised *it* up to the towers, and another rampart without, and
 strengthened Millo *in* the city of David, and made missiles and shields
 6 in abundance. And he set officers of war over the people, and
 gathered them together to him in the street of the gate of the city,
 7 and spake comfortably to them, saying, Be strong and courageous,
 be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the
 multitude that *is* with him : for *there are* more with us than with him :
 8 With him *is* an arm of flesh ; but with us *is* the Eternal our God to
 help us, and to fight our wars. And the people rested themselves
 9 upon the words of Hezekiah king of Judah. After this did Senna-
 cherib king of Assyria send his servants to Jerusalem,—but he *him-*
self laid siege against Lachish, and all his power with him,—unto
 Hezekiah king of Judah, and unto all Judah that *were* at Jerusalem,
 10 saying, Thus saith Sennacherib king of Assyria, Whereon do ye
 11 trust, that ye abide in the siege in Jerusalem ? Doth not Hezekiah
 entice you to give over yourselves to die by famine and by thirst,
 saying, The Eternal our God shall deliver us out of the hand of the

¹ pricked. ² truth. ³ cleave.

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12 king of Assyria? Hath not the same Hezekiah removed his high
places and his altars, and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, saying,
13 Ye shall prostrate yourselves before one altar, and burn incense upon
it? Know ye not what I and my fathers have done unto all peoples
of *other* lands? were the gods of the nations of those lands any ways
14 able to deliver their lands out of my hand? Who *was there* among
all the gods of those nations that my fathers utterly destroyed, that
could deliver his people out of my hand, that your God should be
15 able to deliver you out of my hand? Now therefore let not Heze-
kiah deceive you, nor entice you on this manner, neither yet believe
him: for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his
people out of my hand, and out of the hand of my fathers: how
16 much less shall your God deliver you out of my hand? And his
servants spake yet *more* against the Eternal God, and against his
17 servant Hezekiah. He wrote also letters to revile the Eternal God
of Israel, and to speak against him, saying, As the gods of the nations
of *other* lands have not delivered their people out of my hand, so shall
18 not the God of Hezekiah deliver his people out of my hand. Then
they cried with a loud voice in the Jew's speech unto the people of
Jerusalem that *were* on the rampart, to affright them, and to trouble
19 them; that they might conquer the city. And they spake against
the God of Jerusalem, as against the gods of the peoples of the earth,
20 *which were* the work of the hands of man. And for this *cause* Heze-
kiah the king, and the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz, prayed and
21 cried to heaven. And the Eternal sent an angel, and he cut off all
the mighty men of valour, and the leaders and officers in the camp
of the king of Assyria. So he returned with shame of face to his
own land. And when he was come into the house of his god, they
that came forth of his own bowels felled him there with the sword.
22 Thus the Eternal saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem
from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand
23 of all *other*, and guided them on every side. And many brought
oblations unto the Eternal to Jerusalem, and precious things to He-
zekiah king of Judah: so that he was magnified in the eyes of all
24 nations from thenceforth. In those days Hezekiah was sick to the
death, and prayed unto the Eternal: and he spake unto him, and he
25 gave him a sign. But Hezekiah rendered not again according to the
benefit *done* unto him; for his heart was lifted up: therefore there
26 was wrath upon him, and upon Judah, and Jerusalem. Notwith-
standing Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart, *both*
he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the Eter-

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27 nal came not upon them in the days of Hezekiah. And Hezekiah
 had exceeding much riches and honour : and he made himself trea-
 23 suries for silver, and for gold, and for precious stones, and for spices,
 also for the increase of corn, and must, and oil¹, and stalls for all
 29 manner of beasts, and cotes for flocks². Moreover he provided him
 cities, and possessions of flocks and herds in abundance : for God
 30 had given him substance very much. This same Hezekiah also
 stopped the upper watercourse of Gihon, and brought it straight
 down to the west side of the city of David. And Hezekiah pros-
 31 pered in all his works. Howbeit in *the business* of the interpreters of
 the princes of Babylon, who sent unto him to inquire of the wonder
 that was *done* in the land, God left him, to try him, that he might
 32 know all *that was* in his heart. Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah,
 and his acts of kindness, behold, they *are* written in the vision of
 33 Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, *and* in the book of the kings of
 Judah and Israel. And Hezekiah lay with his fathers, and they
 buried him in the chiefest of the sepulchres of the sons of David :
 and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem did him honour at
 his death. And Manasseh his son reigned in his stead.

1 CHAP. XXXIII.—Manasseh *was* twelve years old when he began to
 2 reign, and he reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem : But did
that which was evil in the eyes of the Eternal, like unto the abomi-
 3 nations of the nations, whom the Eternal had cast out before the
 children of Israel. For he built again the high places which Heze-
 4 kiah his father had broken down, and he reared up altars for Baalim,
 and made asheroth, and prostrated himself before all the host of the
 5 heaven, and served them. Also he built altars in the house of the
 Eternal, whereof the Eternal had said, In Jerusalem shall my name
 6 be for ever. And he built altars for all the host of the heaven in
 the two enclosures of the house of the Eternal. And he caused his
 7 children to pass through the fire in the glen of the son of Hinnom :
 also he observed clouds, and used divination, and used enchantment,
 and dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards : he wrought much
 8 evil in the eyes of the Eternal, to provoke him to anger. And he
 set a graven image, the figure which he had made in the house of
 God, of which God had said to David and to Solomon his son, In
 this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen before all the
 9 tribes of Israel, will I put my name for ever : Neither will I any
 more remove the foot of Israel from out of the ground which I have
 appointed for your fathers ; so that they will take heed to do all that
 I have commanded them, according to the whole law and the statutes

¹ brightness. ² droves.

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9 and the ordinances by the hand of Moses. So Manasseh made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to err, *and* to do worse than the nations, whom the Eternal had exterminated before the children
10 of Israel. And the Eternal spake to Manasseh, and to his people :
11 but they would not attend. Wherefore the Eternal brought upon them the officers of the host of the king of Assyria, who conquered Manasseh among the brambles, and bound him with fetters, and
12 carried him to Babylon. And when he was in distress, he besought the Eternal his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of
13 his fathers, And prayed unto him : and he was intreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his
14 kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the Eternal he *was* God. Now after this he built an outer rampart for the city of David, on the west side of Gihon, in the brook, even to the entering in at the fish gate, and compassed about Ophel, and raised it up a very great height, and put officers of *the* force in all the fortified cities of
15 Judah. And he removed the strange gods, and the figure out of the house of the Eternal, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the house of the Eternal, and in Jerusalem, and cast *them*
16 out of the city. And he built the altar of the Eternal, and sacrificed thereon feast offerings and thank offerings, and commanded Judah
17 to serve the Eternal God of Israel. Nevertheless the people did sacrifice still in the high places, *yet* unto the Eternal their God only.
18 Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his prayer unto his God, and the words of the seers that spake to him in the name of the Eternal God of Israel, behold, they *are written* in the book of the
19 kings of Israel. His prayer also, and *how* God was intreated of him, and all his sins, and his trespass, and the places wherein he built high places, and set up asherim and graven images, before he was humbled : behold, they *are written* among the sayings of Chosai.
20 So Manasseh lay with his fathers, and they buried him in his own
21 house : and Amon his son reigned in his stead. Amon *was* two and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned two years in
22 Jerusalem. But he did *that which was* evil in the eyes of the Eternal, as did Manasseh his father : for Amon sacrificed unto all the graven images which Manasseh his father had made, and served
23 them : And humbled not himself before the Eternal, as Manasseh his father had humbled himself ; but Amon trespassed more and
24 more. And his servants conspired against him, and slew him in
25 his own house. But the people of the land slew all them that had conspired against king Amon ; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his stead.

1 CHAP. XXXIV.—Josiah *was* eight years old when he began to reign,

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2 and he reigned in Jerusalem one and thirty years. And he did *that which was* right in the eyes of the Eternal, and walked in the ways of David his father, and departed *neither* to the right hand, nor to
3 the left. For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to inquire after the God of David his father: and in the twelfth year he began to cleanse Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, and the asherim, and the graven images, and the
4 molten images. And they brake down the altars of Baalim in his presence; and the sun images that *were* on high above them, he cut down; and the asherim, and the graven images, and the molten images, he brake in pieces, and made dust *of them*, and strewed *it*
5 upon the graves of them that had sacrificed unto them. And he burnt the bones of priests upon their altars, and cleansed Judah and
6 Jerusalem. And *so did he* in the cities of Manasseh and Ephraim, 7 and Simeon, even unto Naphtali, in their ruins round about. And when he had broken down the altars and the asherim, and had beaten the graven images into powder, and cut down all the sun images throughout all the land of Israel, he returned to Jerusalem.
8 Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had cleansed the land, and the house, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and Maasseiah the governor¹ of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the
9 recorder, to strengthen the house of the Eternal his God: And when they came to Hilkiah the high priest, they delivered² the money that was brought into the house of God, which the Levites that kept the doors³ had gathered of the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim, and of all the remnant of Israel, and of all Judah and Benjamin; and
10 they returned to Jerusalem. And they gave *it* in the hand of the workmen that were appointed on the house of the Eternal, and they gave it to the workmen that wrought in the house of the Eternal,
11 to repair and strengthen the house: Even to the artificers and builders gave they *it*, to buy hewn stone, and timber for couplings, and to floor the houses which the kings of Judah had destroyed.
12 And the men did the work faithfully: and over them were appointed Jahath and Obadiah, the Levites, of the sons of Merari; and Zechariah and Meshullam of the sons of the Kohathites, to direct; and *other* of the Levites, all that could skill of instruments of musick.
13 Also *they were* over the bearers of burdens, and were directors of all that wrought the work in any manner of service; and of the
14 Levites *that were* scribes, and bailiffs, and porters. And when they brought out the money that was brought into the house of the Eternal, Hilkiah the priest found the book of the law of the Eternal,
15 *given* by the hand of Moses. And Hilkiah answered and said to Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house

¹ officer.

² gave.

³ threshold.

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16 of the Eternal. And Hilkiab gave the book to Shaphan. And Shaphan carried the book to the king, and brought the king word back again, saying, All that was committed¹ to thy servants, they do
 17 *it*. And they have gathered together the money that was found in the house of the Eternal, and have given it into the hand of those
 18 appointed, and to the hand of the workmen. Then Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, Hilkiab the priest hath given me a book.
 19 And Shaphan read it before the king. And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the law, that he rent his clothes.
 20 And the king commanded Hilkiab, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Abdon the son of Micah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah
 21 the king's servant, saying, Go, enquire of the Eternal for me, and for them that are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found: for great *is* the wrath of the Eternal that is poured out upon us, because our fathers have not kept the word of
 22 the Eternal, to do after all that is written in this book. And Hilkiab, and *they* that the king *had appointed*, went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvath, the son of Hasrah, keeper of the garments;—now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the second quarter:
 23 —and they spake to her to that *effect*. And she answered them, Thus saith the Eternal God of Israel, Tell ye the man that sent you
 24 to me, Thus saith the Eternal, Behold I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, *even* all the curses² that are written in the book which they have read before the king of Judah:
 25 Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be poured out upon this place,
 26 and shall not be quenched. And as for the king of Judah, who sent you to enquire of the Eternal, so shall ye say unto him, Thus saith the Eternal God of Israel *concerning* the words which thou hast
 27 heard; Because thy heart was tender, and thou didst humble thyself before God, when thou heardest his words against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, and humbledst thyself before me, and didst rend thy clothes, and weep before me; I have even heard
 28 *thee* also, is the declaration of the Eternal. Behold, I will gather thee to thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered to thy grave in peace, neither shall thine eyes see all the evil that I will bring upon this place, and upon the inhabitants of the same. So they brought the

¹ given.

² oaths.

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29 king word again. Then the king sent and gathered together all the
 30 elders of Judah and Jerusalem. And the king went up into the
 house of the Eternal, and all the men of Judah, and the inhabitants
 of Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites, and all the people,
 great and small: and he read in their ears all the words of the book
 31 of the covenant that was found in the house of the Eternal. And
 the king stood in his place, and made the covenant before the
 Eternal, to walk after the Eternal, and to keep his commandments,
 and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and with all
 his soul, to perform the words of the covenant which are written in this
 32 book. And he caused all that were present in Jerusalem and Ben-
 jamin to stand *to it*. And the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according
 33 to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers. And Josiah
 removed all the abominations out of all the countries that *pertained*
 to the children of Israel, and made all that were found in Israel to
 serve, *even* to serve the Eternal their God. *And* all his days they
 departed not from following the Eternal, the God of their fathers.

1 CHAP. XXXV.—Moreover Josiah kept¹ a passover unto the Eternal
 in Jerusalem: and they slaughtered the passover on the fourteenth
 2 *day* of the first month. And he set the priests in their charges, and
 3 encouraged² them to the service of the house of the Eternal, And
 said unto the Levites that taught all Israel, who were holy unto
 the Eternal, Put the holy ark in the house which Solomon the son of
 David king of Israel did build; *it shall not be* a burden upon *your*
 shoulders: serve now the Eternal your God, and his people Israel,
 4 And prepare *yourselves* by the houses of your fathers, after your
 courses, according to the writing of David king of Israel, and accord-
 5 ing to the writing of Solomon his son. And stand in the holy *place*
 according to the divisions of the families of the fathers of your
 brethren the people, and *after* the division of the families of the
 6 Levites. So slaughter the passover, and sanctify yourselves, and
 prepare your brethren, that *they* may do according to the word of
 7 the Eternal by the hand of Moses. And Josiah gave³ to the people,
 of the flock, lambs and kids, all for the passover offerings, for all that
 were present, to the number of thirty thousand, and three thousand
 8 bulls: these *were* of the king's substance. And his officers gave
 willingly⁴ unto the people, to the priests, and to the Levites: Hilkiah
 and Zechariah and Jehiel, rulers of the house of God, gave³ unto the
 priests for the passover offerings two thousand and six hundred
 9 *small cattle*, and three hundred of the herd. Conaniah also, and
 Shemaiah and Nethaneel, his brethren, and Hashabiah and Jeiel and
 Jozabad, chief⁵ of the Levites, gave³ unto the Levites for the pass-
 over offerings five thousand *small cattle*, and five hundred of the

¹ made.

² strengthened.

³ lifted up.

⁴ as a free-will offering.

⁵ officers.

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10 herd. So the service was prepared, and the priests stood in their
 place, and the Levites in their courses, according to the king's com-
 11 mandment. And they slaughtered the passover, and the priests
 sprinkled *the blood* from their hands, and the Levites flayed *them*.
 12 And they removed the burnt offerings, that they might give according
 to the divisions of the family of the people, to offer unto the Eternal,
 as *it is* written in the book of Moses. And so *did they* with the
 13 oxen.¹ And they roasted² the passover with fire according to the
 ordinance: but the *other* holy offerings sod they in pots, and in cal-
 drons, and in pans, and divided *them* speedily among all the people.
 14 And afterwards they made ready for themselves, and for the priests:
 because the priests the sons of Aaron *were busied* in offering of burnt
 offerings and the fat until night; therefore the Levites prepared for
 15 themselves, and for the priests the sons of Aaron. And the singers
 the sons of Asaph *were* in their place, according to the commandment
 of David, and Asaph, and Heman, and Jeduthun the king's seer;
 and the porters *waited* at every gate; they might not depart from
 16 their service: for their brethren the Levites prepared for them. So
 all the service of the Eternal was prepared the same day, to keep the
 passover, and to offer burnt offerings upon the altar of the Eternal,
 17 according to the commandment of king Josiah. And the children of
 Israel that were present³ kept the passover at that time, and the
 18 festival of unleavened bread seven days. And there was no passover
 like to that kept⁴ in Israel from the days of Samuel the prophet:
 neither did all the kings of Israel keep⁵ such a passover as Josiah
 kept,⁵ and the priests, and the Levites, and all Judah and Israel that
 19 were present,³ and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. In the eighteenth
 20 year of the reign of Josiah was this passover kept.⁴ After all this, when
 Josiah had prepared the temple, Necho king of Egypt came up to
 fight at Charchemish by Euphrates: and Josiah went out against
 21 him. But he sent ambassadors to him, saying, What have I to do
 with thee, thou king of Judah? *I come* not against thee this day,
 but against the house wherewith I have war: for God commanded
 me to make haste: forbear thee from *meddling with* God, who *is*
 22 with me, that he destroy thee not. Nevertheless Josiah would not
 turn his face from him, but disguised himself, that he might fight
 with him, and hearkened not unto the words of Necho from the
 mouth of God, and came to fight in the deep valley of Megiddo.
 23 And the archers shot at king Josiah; and the king said to his
 24 servants, Have me away; for I am very sick. His servants there-
 fore took him out of that chariot, and put him in the second chariot
 that he had; and they brought him to Jerusalem, and he died, and
 was buried in *one of* the sepulchres of his fathers. And all Judah

¹ herd.

² sod.

³ found.

⁴ done.

⁵ do.

⁶ did.

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25 and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah. And Jeremiah lamented for Josiah: and all the singing men and the singing women spake of Josiah in their lamentations to this day, and made them an ordinance
26 in Israel: and, behold, they *are* written in the lamentations. Now the rest of the acts¹ of Josiah, and his goodness, according to *that*
27 *which was* written in the law of the Eternal. And his deeds¹, the first and the last, behold, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.

1 CHAP. XXXVI.—Then the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and made him king in his father's stead in Jerusalem.
2 Jehoahaz *was* twenty and three years old when he began to reign,
3 and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. And the king of Egypt put him down at Jerusalem, and condemned the land in a hundred
4 talents of silver and a talent of gold. And the king of Egypt made Eliakim his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem, and turned his name to Jehoiakim. And Necho took Jehoahaz his brother
5 and carried him to Egypt. Jehoiakim *was* twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: and he did *that which was* evil in the eyes of the Eternal his God.
6 Against him came up Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and bound
7 him in fetters, to carry him to Babylon. Nebuchadnezzar also carried of the vessels of the house of the Eternal to Babylon, and put
8 them in his temple at Babylon. Now the rest of the acts¹ of Jehoiakim, and his abominations which he did, and that which was found in him, behold, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Israel
9 and Judah: and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead. Jehoiachin *was* eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months and ten days in Jerusalem: and he did *that which was* evil
10 in the eyes of the Eternal. And when the year was expired, king Nebuchadnezzar sent, and brought him to Babylon, with the costly vessels of the house of the Eternal, and made Zedekiah his brother
11 king over Judah and Jerusalem. Zedekiah *was* one and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And he did *that which was* evil in the eyes of the Eternal his God, *and* humbled not himself before Jeremiah the prophet,
12 *speaking* from the mouth of the Eternal. And he also rebelled against king Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God: but he stiffened his neck, and hardened his heart from turning unto
13 the Eternal God of Israel. Moreover all the officers of the priests, and the people, transgressed very much after all the abominations of

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the nations; and polluted the house of the Eternal which he had
15 hallowed in Jerusalem. And the Eternal God of their fathers sent
to them by his messengers, rising up betimes, and sending; because
16 he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place: But
they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and
misused his prophets, until the wrath of the Eternal arose against
17 his people, till *there was* no remedy. Therefore he brought upon
them the king of the Casdim, who slew their young men with the
sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion upon
young man or maiden, old man, or him that was hoary with age: he
18 gave *them* all into his hand. And all the vessels of the house of God,
great and small, and the treasures of the house of the Eternal, and
the treasures of the king, and of his officers; all *these* he brought to
19 Babylon. And they burnt the house of God, and brake down the
rampart of Jerusalem, and burnt all the palaces thereof with fire,
20 and destroyed all the costly vessels thereof. And them that had
escaped from the sword carried he away to Babylon; where they
were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of
21 Persia: To fulfil the word of the Eternal by the mouth of Jeremiah,
until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths: *for* as long as she lay
22 desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfil threescore and ten years. Now
in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Eter-
nal *spoken* by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the
Eternal stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a
proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and *put it* also in writing,
23 saying, Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the
earth hath the Eternal God of heaven given me: and he hath
charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which *is* in Judah.
Who *is there* among you of all his people? The Eternal his God *be*
with him, and let him go up.

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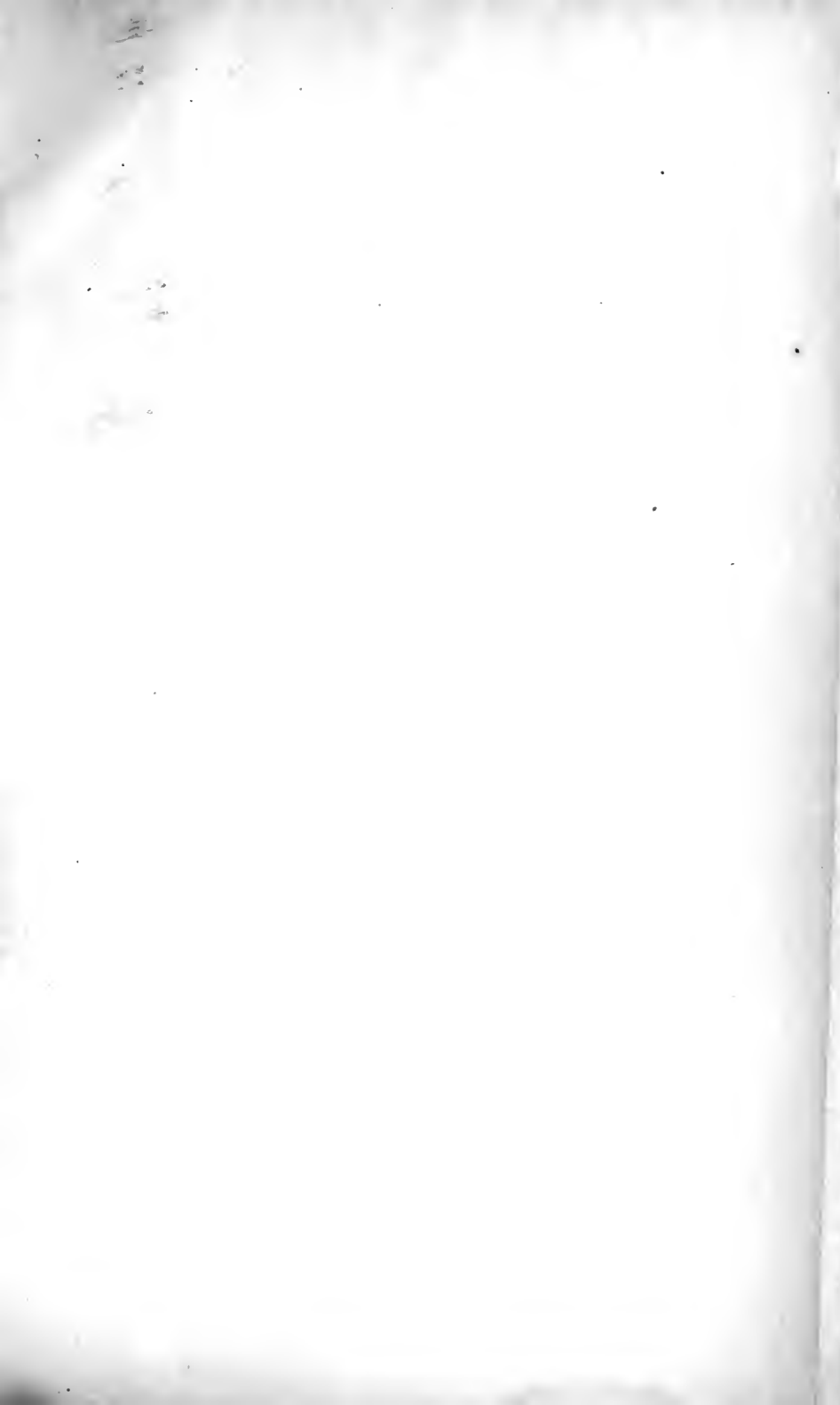
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